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GRIFFITH FOOTBALL

VOLUME 10

Forward

1987 was a tough and often frustrating year for our football team. The four big schools in our conference were loaded. We had a very small senior class and has to rely on underclassmen. In many of our games we were simply outmanned.

I thought we came a long way during the season with a junior dominated team. Our seniors gave it all they had and we never gave up. Under these conditions our 4-5 record was not bad.

We are looking forward to next year with great optimism. It should be a good year for the Panthers.

Assistant coaches at the High School level were: Dick Reyome, Jim Anderson, Bob Komara, Jim Kiechle, Steve Wroslewski. The Jr. High coaches (who scouted for the varsity) were Craig Adelsperger, Gary Udchitz, Ralph Schwartz, and Daryl Carstensen. All these coaches did a great job.

Thanks again to Dick Reyome and Mark Perko for putting out this book, another in the continuing series of Griffith Football History.

Les Thornton
Head Football Coach
November, 1987

EDITOR'S NOTE:

As I have stated in the past, since I am the person who accumulated all of the articles that I could find, arranged them so that they could fit on standard size paper, and with the help of many, many students collated these pages into book form, I guess that I qualify as the editor of this book - and as editor, I assume the right to get personal.

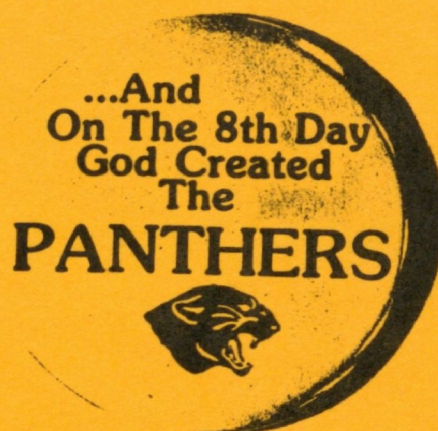
I would like to thank all of those people who have expressed their opinion as to the value of this book (some good and some not so good), to the people who have assisted in the printing of this book, and most of all to the woman I was lucky enough to be married to for the last 22 years - my wife DIAN, who has helped me in so many ways that I would need to write a book to list. This book started out to be just a memento, but now has turned into being one of the most read books in the high school library and for this I feel very flattered to be a part of. But as long as I am a part of GRIFFITH HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL, I will continue to put this book together for those men who become very special - the football players.

The young men at Griffith High School are a special breed. They know before the season starts that they will be facing the teams in our conference which have two to three times the number of players to pick from and that only on rare occasions will we as a team be as physically strong as the "big four" in the conference. They know that the odds are against them to win games in our conference, let alone win the conference title. But they will never admit that they don't have a chance. They give their all in pursuit of that conference title and every coach is very proud of them - not only as football players, but also as fine young men. Whether they play every minute of every game, or play one minute of a few games, they all are a tribute to those who have passed this way before them and to themselves. They are GRIFFITH HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PLAYERS.

THANK YOU

Coach Reyome

PRE SEASON





NIU FOOTBALL

Come Grow With Us

**Northern Illinois
University**



Wishbone School

June 25-28, 1987



Be the best you can be!

Master the Fundamentals

The goal of NIU's Wishbone School is to teach you the techniques and fundamentals that are essential in mastering the wishbone offense. Each coach will concentrate on the "little things" that will assist you in your performance at your designated position(s). Drills and demonstrations will be used to improve your agility, running form, and practice habits.

Who's Eligible?

The school is designed for boys aged 10 to 17, offering specific programs for each age group. High school graduates are not eligible to participate.

Location, Housing, and Meals

The school will be conducted on the Northern Illinois University campus in DeKalb, Illinois. Campers will be housed in university residence halls, supervised by camp staff and instructors. Bed linens are provided but campers are asked to bring soap, towels, swimsuits, sunscreen lotion, football shoes or sneakers, and practice equipment (shorts and t-shirts). You will be provided a camp t-shirt upon arrival.

The resident camper's fee includes room and board (starting with the evening meal after you check in on June 25), instruction, use of athletic equipment and facilities, insurance, and many special features. The day camper's fee includes lunch and dinner each day and all the features offered to the resident camper with the exception of overnight lodging and breakfast. For additional information about school facilities and services, call (815) 753-1825.

Wishbone School participants will check in at Stevenson North Residence Hall on Thursday, June 25, 1987, from 1-3 p.m.

Special Benefits

In addition to instruction and practice, you will attend talks on the following topics: leadership, team concept, goal setting, NCAA academic requirements, player-coach relationships, and drug awareness. It is our intention to motivate you to be the best you can be!

Complete evening activities are planned for the week. They will include discussions with NIU football players, professional football players, NFL movies, and other supervised activities.

A Great Staff

NIU head coach Jerry Pettibone and the entire NIU football coaching staff, as well as top midwest area high school coaches, will make up the school staff. Coach Pettibone has been recognized as the number one college recruiter in the country. Coach Pettibone has coached many top players, gained experience in 11 Bowl games, and was lettered as halfback at Oklahoma under the legendary Bud Wilkensen.



"We are not only dedicated to making NIU athletics great, but also to being a positive influence on the young men of today."—Head coach Jerry Pettibone

Reasonable Cost

The registration fee covers all instruction, meals, housing, insurance, camp t-shirt, certificates, and presentations by special guests. Your fee must accompany the application form. It may be paid by check, money order, VISA, or MASTERCARD. A full refund is made if notification of cancellation is received two weeks before the start of the camp. Cancellations after this date will result in a \$30 administrative fee.

Discounts. Returning campers and groups of five or more applicants (when forms are submitted in same envelope) are eligible for discounts. See attached registration form for details.

Registration Is Easy!

Applications are being accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, with camp enrollment limited to 200. Telephone registration can be completed by calling (815) 753-0277. Complete the application form and send with payment to:

Northern Illinois University
Summer Wishbone School
Adams Hall 131
DeKalb, Illinois 60115-2854

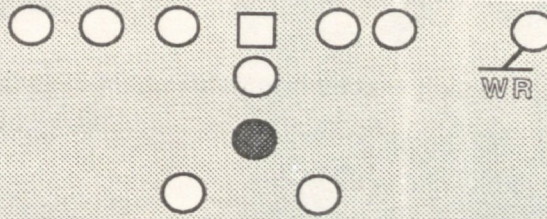
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WISHBONE CAMP SCHEDULE

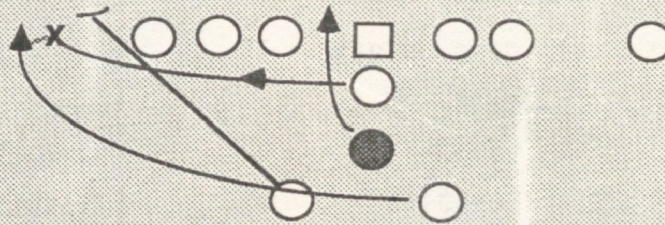
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Thursday	12:30 - 3:00	Registration
	3:00 - 5:00	Orientation Stadium
		FBI - Drug Awareness
		Picture
		Testing 40 yd. Dash/Vertical Jump
	5:00 - 6:30	Dinner
	6:30	Lecture
	7:00	Wishbone Overview
	7:30 - 8:30	Practice
		(Individual)
	9:00	Snacks & Coaches Corner
	10:00	In Rooms
	10:30	Lights Out
Friday & Saturday	7:30 - 8:30	Breakfast
	8:45	Stretch
	9:00	Individual
	10:00	Team (Stations)
	11:00	WT Room / Lineman Film
	11:30 - 1:45	Lunch
	2:00	Meetings
	2:20	Stretch
	2:30	Individual
	3:30	Team (Stations)
	5:00 - 6:30	Dinner
	6:30	Lecture
	7:00	Passing Game ("Turf")
	7:30 - 8:30	Lineman WTS.
	9:00	Snaks & Coaches Corner
	10:00	In Room
	10:30	Lights Out
	7:30 - 8:30	Breakfast
Sunday	8:45	Practice
	9:30	Evaluations
	10:00	Check Out
	11:00	Banquet

"BE THE BEST YOU CAN BE"



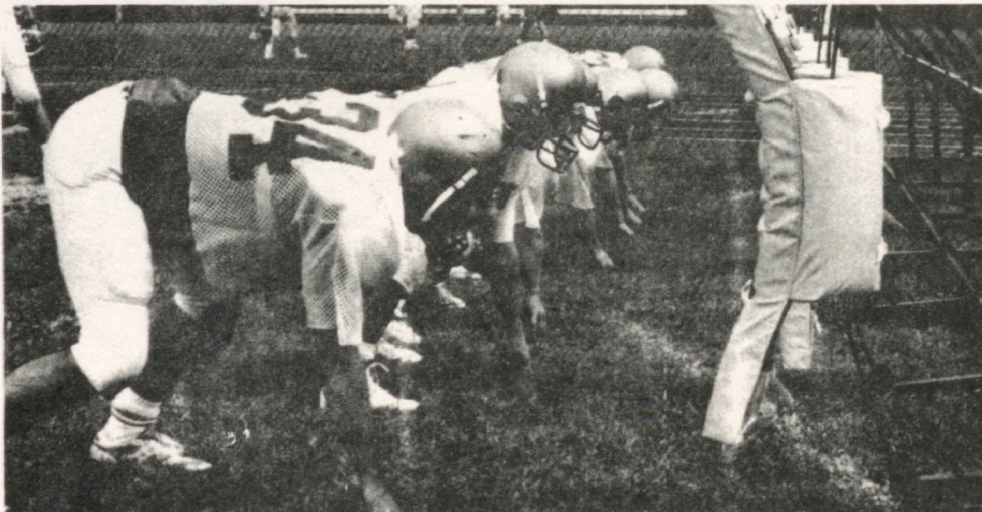
Basic Wishbone Formation

There is only one wide receiver (WR) which tends to eliminate many passing options. The fullback (●) is behind the quarterback with two halfbacks. In a normal pro-set formation, the fullback would be replaced by another wide receiver.



Basic Wishbone Play

The quarterback either hands off to the fullback, who would go on a dive up the middle, or keeps the ball and sprints for the outside. One halfback goes up and blocks, while the other halfback runs behind the quarterback. The moment of truth is at the line (X). If the quarterback still has the ball, he will either pitch it to the trailing halfback or keep it and run.



Varsity football players getting in some sled practice in preparation of their upcoming season.

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"PANTHERS"



"PANTHERS"

STUDENT MANAGERS: Joy Torrez - Marilyn Marszalek - Chris Austin - Monica Rocha

FOOTBALL COACHING STAFF

HEAD COACH: LES THORNTON - started his coaching career at DeMontte High School upon graduation from Valparaiso University in 1964. After completing a record of 10-8, he moved on to North Judson High School. His stay at North Judson lasted 8 years as he compiled a record of 49 wins and 25 losses with 1 tie. This record included his first undefeated team in 1970 when the team completed the season with a perfect 9-0 record. He came to Griffith in 1975 and since that time has compiled a record of 78 wins and 43 losses. The 1981 Griffith team became his second undefeated team when they completed the season with a 10-0 record, won the sectional (the first in the school's history) and then bowed out of the tournament with a regional loss to Hobart. He has had only one losing season while coaching at Griffith.

ASSISTANT COACH: DICK REYOME - graduated from Griffith High School where he played on the first football team to play on our current football field when it was coached by Tom Kurth. He earned his Bachelors, Masters, and Vocational Endorsement from Ball State University. He returned to Griffith High School in 1975 after teaching and coaching in Hammond. He is the defensive coordinator calls the defensive signals during the games, as well as being responsible for the defensive line and assists with the coaching of the offensive line.

ASSISTANT COACH: JIM ANDERSON - graduated from Augustana College (in Ill.), received his Masters Degree from Eastern Michigan in 1970 and came to Griffith in 1970 after serving as teacher, coach, and Athletic Director for Hammond Bishop Noll. He calls the offensive signals during the games, as well as being responsible for the offensive and defensive backs.

ASSISTANT COACH: JIM KIECHLE - graduated from Parsons College (in Iowa), received his Masters Degree from Purdue University Calumet in 1976. He came to coach in Griffith after coaching wrestling and football at Hanover Central, Lake Central (where he currently teaches and coaches wrestling) and Lowell. He is responsible for the offensive linemen and assists with the defensive.

ASSISTANT COACH: BOB KOMARA - graduated from Hammond Bishop Noll and earned his Bachelors from Indiana State University. He came to coach at Griffith after coaching football and wrestling at Lake Central (where he is still teaching), and Thornton Community College. He assists with the offensive backfield and the defensive ends and linebackers.

ASSISTANT COACH - STEVE WROBLEWSKI - graduated from South Bend Central High School and Franklin College. He came to Griffith this year after coaching at Munster High School for many years at numerous levels. He coaches the defensive ends as well as assist with the offensive linemen.

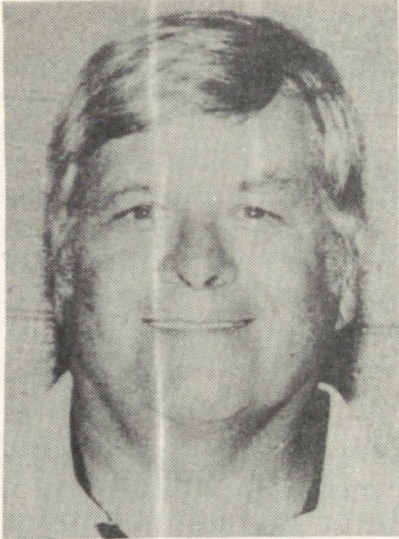
9th GRADE COACH: CRAIG ADELSPERGER - graduated from Griffith High School and earned his Bachelors degree at Purdue University.

9th GRADE COACH: GARY UDCHITZ - graduated from Griffith High School and is attending Indiana University Northwest.

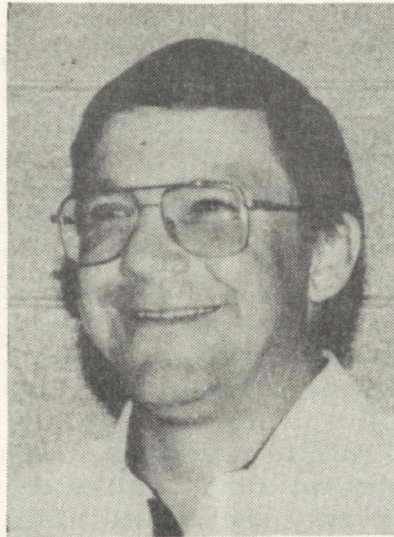
8th GRADE COACH: RALPH SWARTZ - graduated from Calumet High School and is attending Purdue University Calumet Campus.

8th GRADE COACH: DARYL CARSTENSEN - graduated from Lake Central High School and earned his Bachelors Degree from St. Joseph College

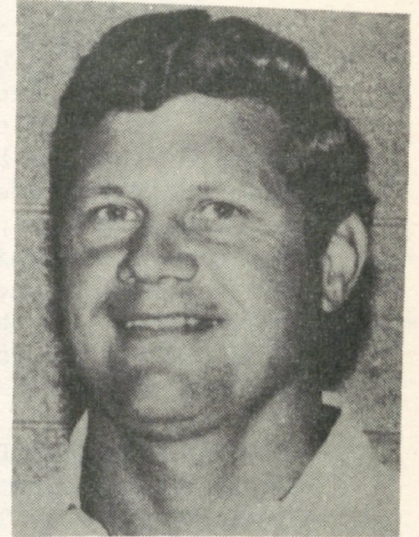
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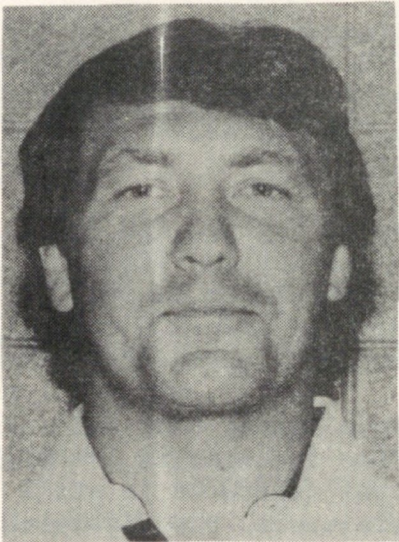
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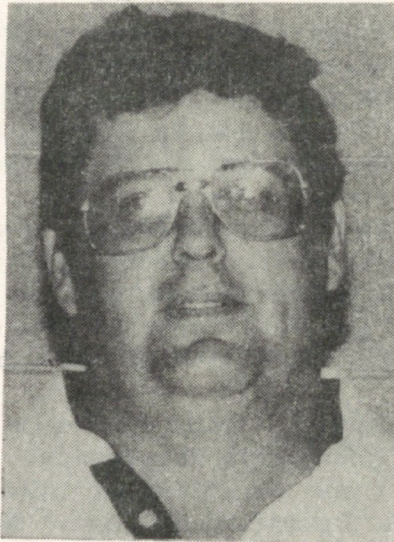
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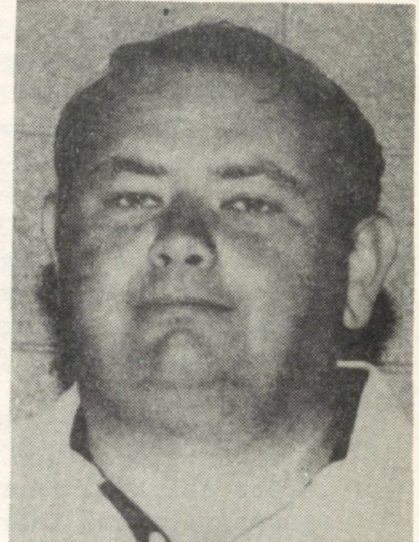
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AUGUSTANA (ILL.)



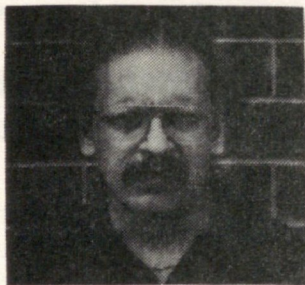
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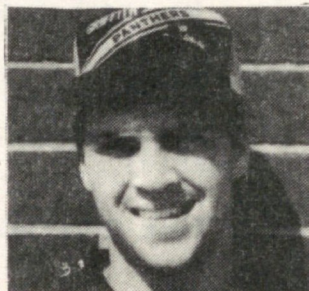
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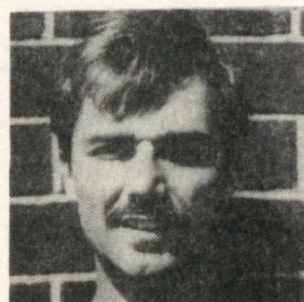
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VOLUNTEER COACH
FRANKLIN COLLEGE



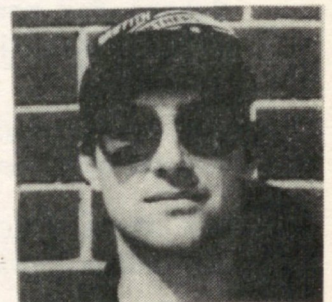
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ASS'T 9th GRADE
PURDUE



GARY UDCHITZ
ASS'T 9th GRADE
PURDUE CAL.



RALPH SWARTZ
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PURDUE CAL



DARYL CARSTENSEN
ASS'T 8th GRADE
ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE

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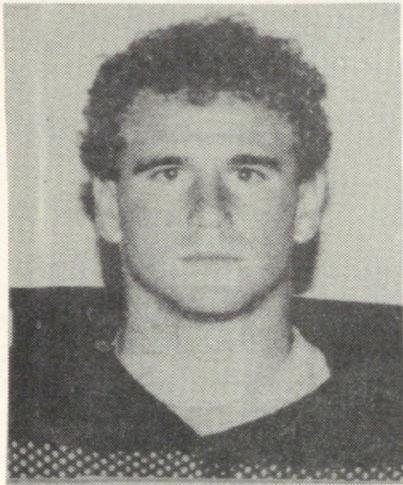


Ken Herd - Dave Arndt - Pat Murdock

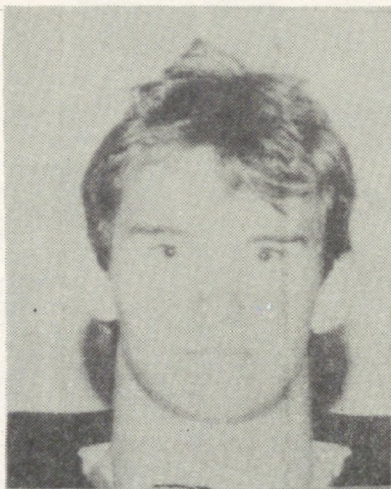
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CARL YATES	11 - 13 - 1	=	.458 - 3 seasons
VINCE OLIVER	4 - 4 - 1	=	.500 - 1 season
"CY" BOWMAN	10 - 7 - 2	=	.588 - 2 seasons
RICHARD BECK	62 - 62 - 7	=	.500 -15 seasons
CARL ADAMS	8 - 0 - 0	=	.800 - 1 season
TOM KURTH	43 - 20 - 5	=	.683 - 7 seasons
RICHARD SCHRIER	9 - 7 - 2	=	.563 - 2 seasons
JIM BARTLETT	20 - 48 - 1	=	.294 - 7 seasons
LES THORNTON	78 - 43 - 0	=	.645 -12 seasons
	254 -215 -19	=	.515 -51 seasons

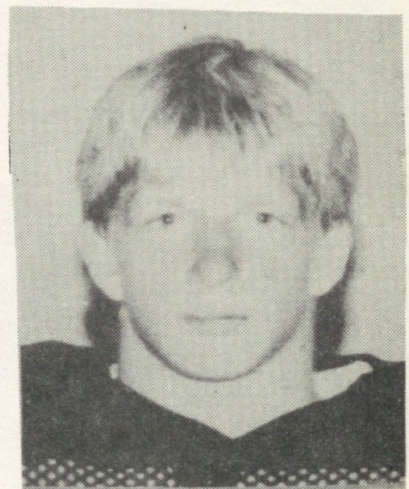
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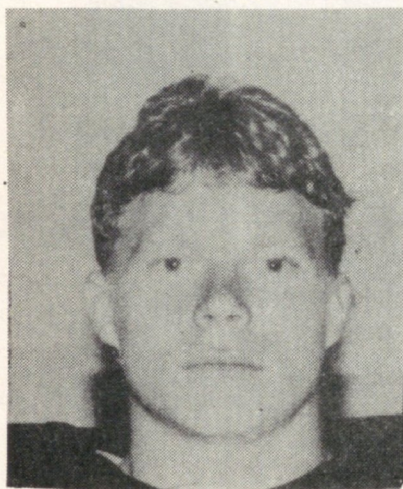
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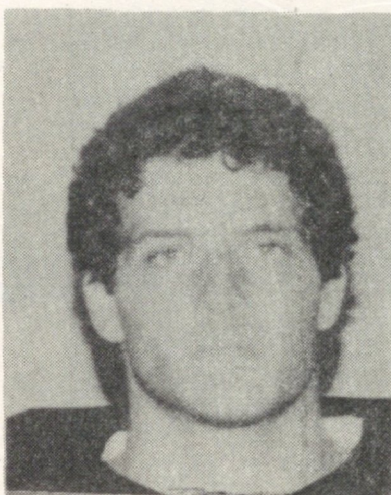
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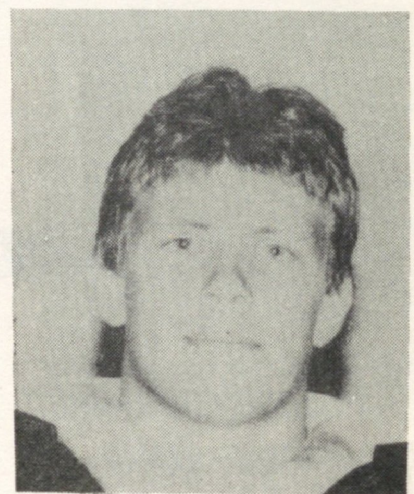
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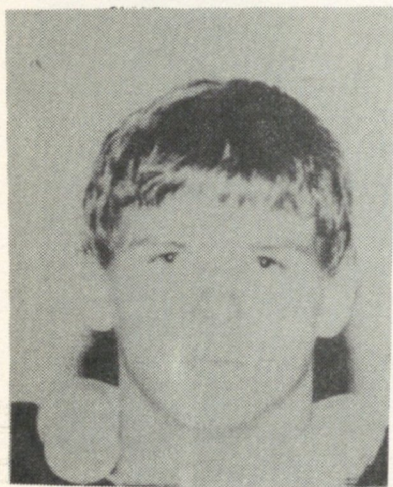


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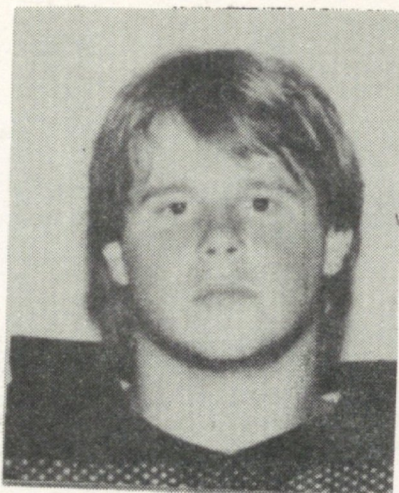


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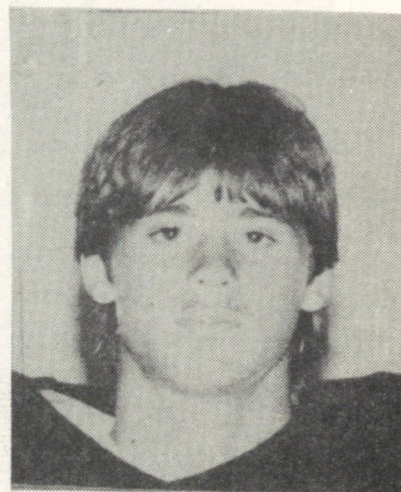
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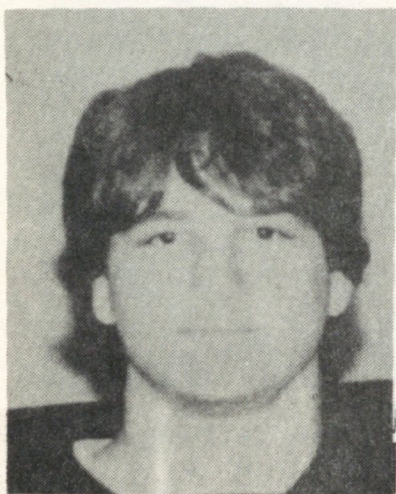
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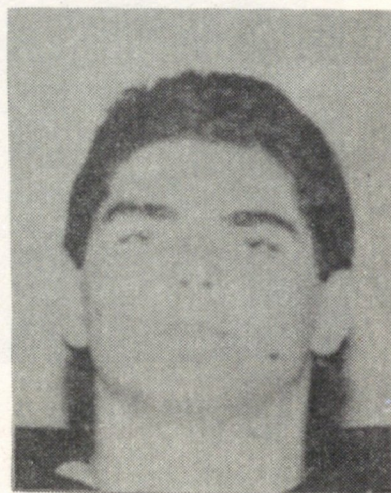
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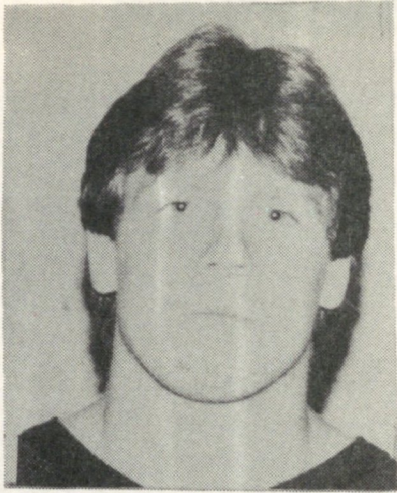


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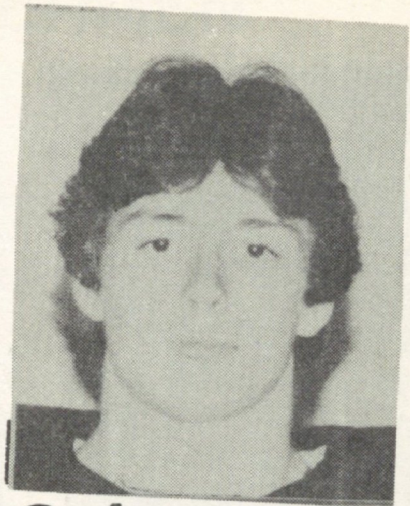


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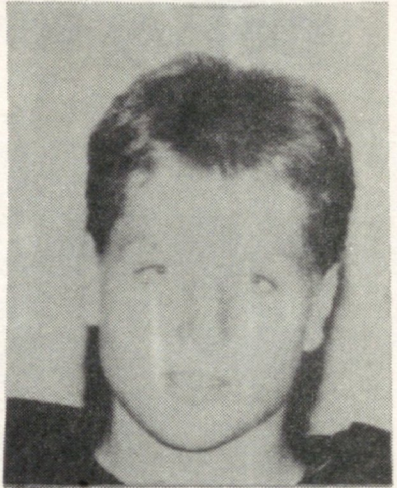
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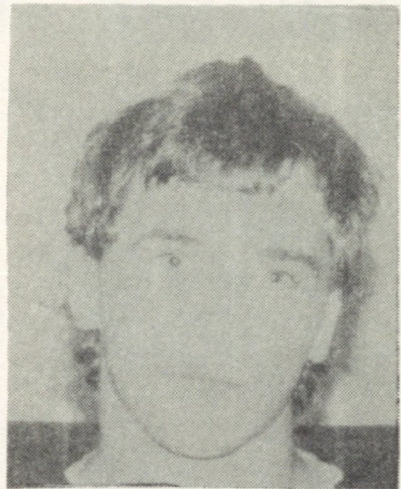
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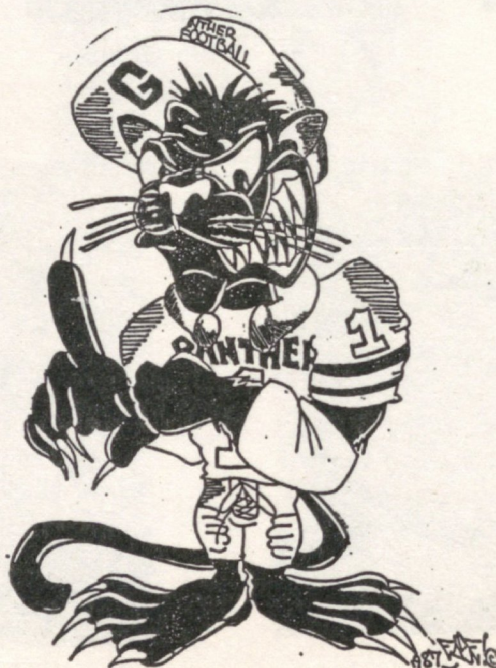
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SENIORS



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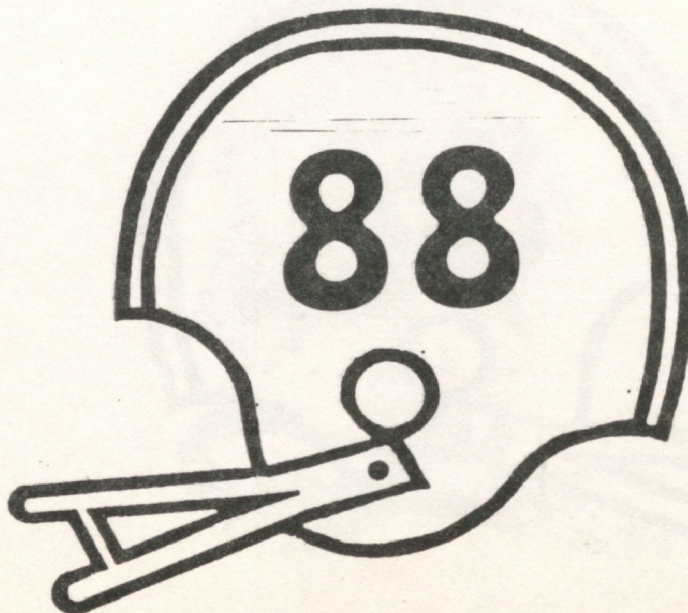


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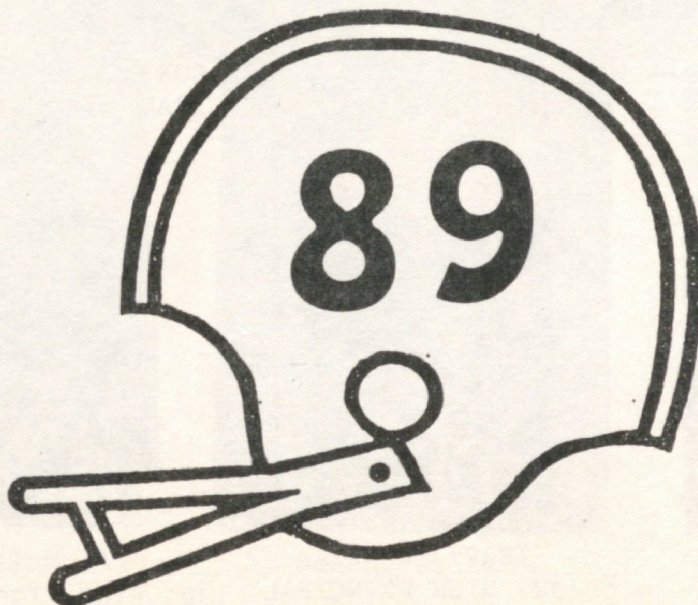


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Chris Anderson

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Todd Hoot

Row 4: Bill Cox, Greg McCauley, Jeff Burks, Mark Osmulski, Eric
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MANAGERS AND TRAINERS



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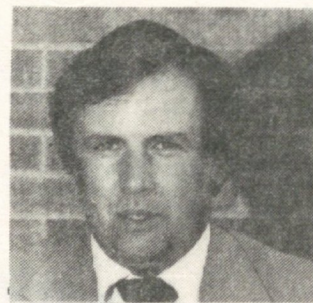
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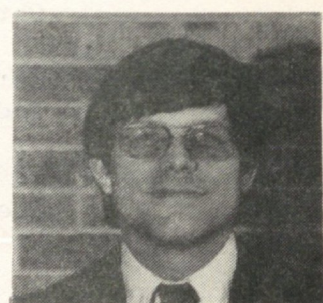
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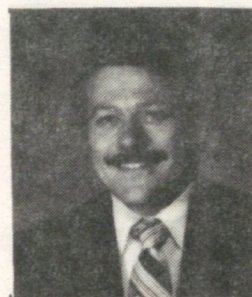
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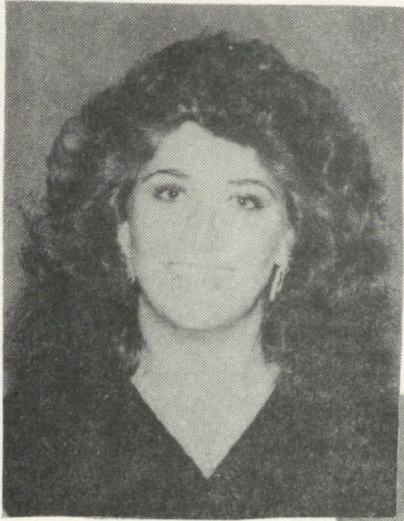


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JR. HIGH PRINCIPAL

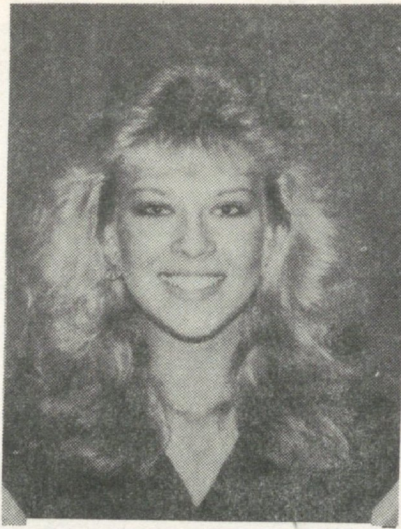


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JR. HIGH VICE PRINCIPAL

VARSITY CHEERLEADERS



Tammy Childers



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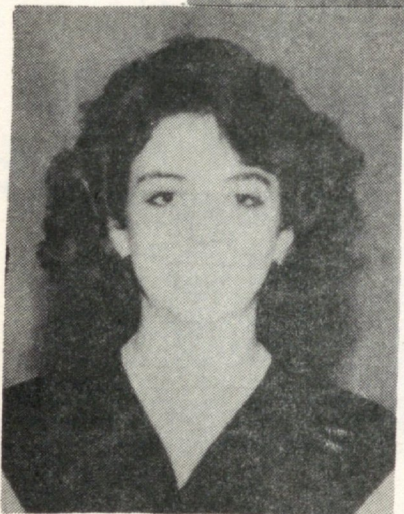


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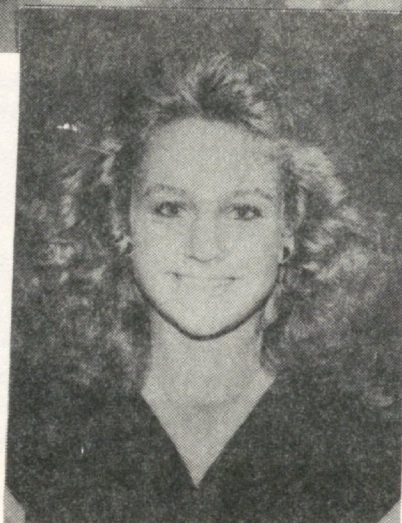
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Chris Kleimola



Deanne Tanis



Colleen D'Angelo

JV CHEERLEADERS



Row 1: Genny Huddleston, Kristen Reyome

Row 2: Kylee McLellan, Wendy Mares

Row 3: Lesley Stupeck

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Miss Julie Marcinek

Good Luck

Lesley Stupeck
Christy
Denise
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Mary
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LOVE, THE CHEERLEADERS TEAM

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MRS. KUSS

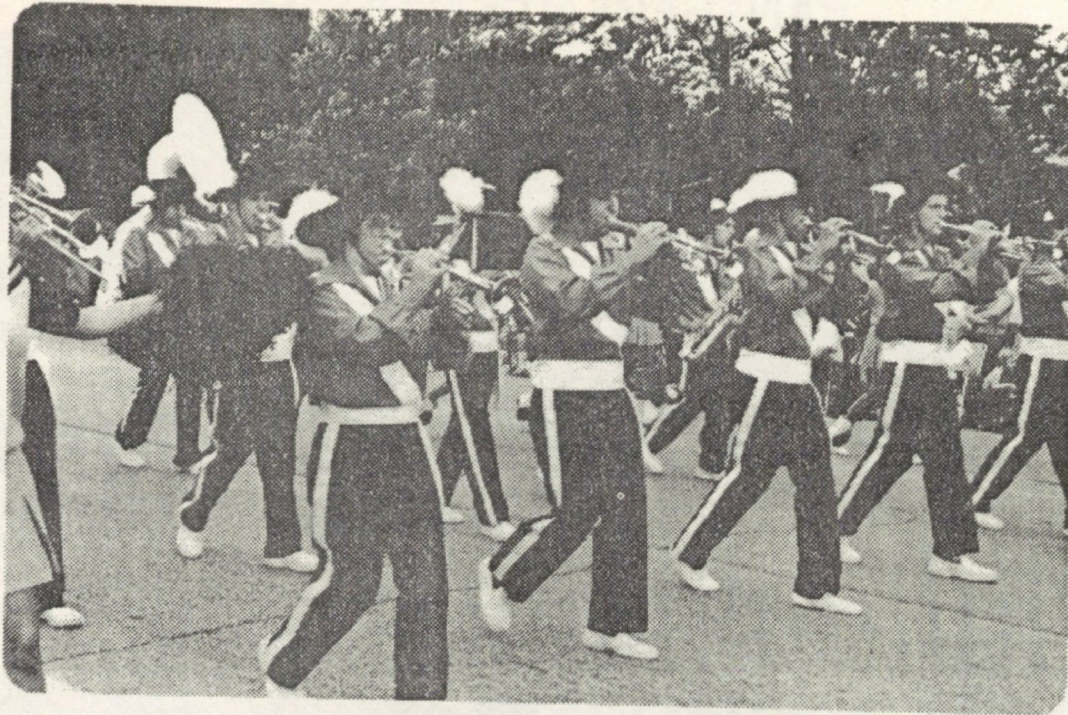
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- Row 3: Kristin Birk, Lisa Maggio, Stephanie Bronson, Jennifer Stokes, Cheryl Mitchell, Deena Wesolowski, Christina Carter
- Row 4: Tricia Roach, Dianna Seberger, Jennifer Kirk, Sue Simon, Tiffany Griffiee, Irene Djukic

SWEATERGIRLS



Sara Luszez, Jenny Cobb, Jennifer Schroeder, Rhonda Reed, Paula Christenson, Dresia Stepanovich, Kimmie Companik, Christine Palucki, Becky Hoot

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Domino effect has Panthers going up

GRIFFITH — Les Thornton can see the domino effect happening at Griffith for at least the next couple of seasons.

"This year we should be a little better than we were last year. And next year we should be a little better than we were this year," the coach says, noting 27 of the squad's 64 kids who tried out this year are just juniors. If all goes according to plan, Thornton will lose only 10 players to graduation.

Why are the numbers suddenly getting bigger?

"We worked on it," said Thornton. "We've been talking about it. We were losing a lot from the freshmen to sophomore levels. We also have the junior class sticking together."

What few seniors the Panthers have, Thornton plans to get the most out of. Offensively, Griffith could have a lot of fun. Pat Murdock moves over from halfback to quarterback. The 5-foot-8, 160-pounder was Griffith's leading ground gainer, scorer and receiver in 1986.

Dave Arndt (5-10, 185) will anchor the wishbone at fullback. Arndt is also slated for a linebacker slot.

Other seniors Thornton hopes will make lasting contributions are noseguard/guard Kenny Herd (5-7, 185), Rick Benjamin (5-11, 155), two-way halfback Jeff Gifford (5-5, 135), guard/tackle Greg Steapleton (5-10, 160), and two-way end Jeff Sweeney (6-3, 180).

Griffith also has a number of juniors set to go in two-way tackles Gojko Cucuz (5-11, 220), John Jordan (5-11, 205), and Phil Katona (6-3, 225), kicking specialist Brian Phillips (5-7, 140), center/linebacker Earl Schreiber (6-0, 190), two-way back Tony Toweson (5-9, 175), two-way end Derek Tucker (6-1, 190), guard/linebacker Brett Zabek (5-10, 180), noseguard Branko Stepanovich (6-0-170), split ends Mike Kelderman (5-7, 140) and Sean Farley (6-2, 180), two-way back Mike Anderson (5-9, 150) and backup quarterback Brad Steapleton (5-11, 165).

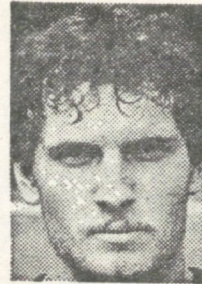
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Les Thornton, 41, is moving into his 13th campaign as head of the Griffith's program...owns lifetime mark in 22 years of coaching is 138-78...at Griffith, he is 79-45 after a 5-5 mark last year



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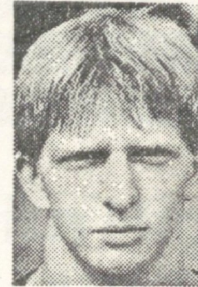
...attended DeMotte High School and later obtained degrees from Valparaiso and Indiana universities...assisted by Dick Reyome, Jim Anderson, Bob Komara and Jim Kiechle and former Munster assistant Steve Wroblewski for his staff. Griffith was 5-5, 2-5 Lake Suburban Conference last year.



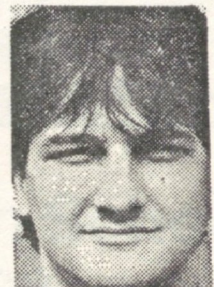
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ENDS — Sean Farley, 6-3, 175, Jr.; Mike Kelderman, 5-7, 144, Jr.; Joey Salnato, 5-7, 137, So.; Greg Steapleton, 5-9, 157, Sr.; Jeff Sweeney, 6-2, 177, Sr.; Derek Tucker, 6-1, 182, Jr.

TACKLES — Gojko Cucuz, 5-11, 226, Jr.; John Jordan, 5-10, 217, Jr.; Phil Katona, 6-4, 235, Jr.; Mark Osmulski, 6-3, 197, So.; John Yonan, 5-11, 201, Jr.

GUARDS — Tim Grcevich, 5-11, 190, Sr.; Ken Herd, 5-5, 185, Sr.; Doug Keen, 6-1, 180, Jr.; Joe Peters, 5-11, 161, Jr.; Branko Stepanovich, 5-11, 160, Jr.; Brett Zabek, 5-10, 180, Jr.

CENTERS — Joe Buchko, 5-9, 193, Sr.; Earl Schreiber, 6-0, 193, Jr.

QUARTERBACKS — Tim Dutkiewicz, 5-10, 145, Jr.; Pat Murdock, 5-8, 160, Sr.; Ryan Stanizewski, 5-7, 136, So.; Brad Steapleton, 5-10, 165, Jr.

BACKS — Mike Anderson, 5-9, 146, Jr.; Dave Arndt, 5-11, 187, Sr.; Rick Benjamin, 5-10, 146, Sr.; Mike Dorelli, 5-9, 170, Jr.; Keith Galoci, 5-7, 136, Jr.; Jason Gilbert, 5-8, 132, Jr.; Jeff Gifford, 5-4, 135, Sr.; Troy Toweson, 5-9, 170, Jr.; Mike Wazio, 5-9, 142, Sr.

KICKERS — Brian Phillips, 5-7, 140, Jr.

SCHEDULE

DAY, DATE	OPPONENT
Fri., Aug. 28.....	Horace Mann
Fri., Sep. 4.....	*Lowell
Fri., Sep. 11.....	*Munster
Fri., Sep. 18.....	*at Crown Point
Fri., Sep. 25.....	*at Calumet
Fri., Oct. 2.....	*at Lake Central
Fri., Oct. 9.....	*Highland
Fri., Oct. 16.....	*at Kankakee Valley
*Lake Suburban Conference opponents	
All games begin at 7:30 p.m.	

Go Panthers

Good Luck
Panthers!!

Football Roster

QUARTERBACKS

Pat Murdock	5'8"	160	SR
Tim Dutkiewicz	5'10"	145	JR
Brad Steapleton	5'10"	165	JR
Ryan Stanizewski	5'7"	136	SOPH

HALFBACKS

Rick Benjamin	5'10"	146	SR
Jeff Gifford	5'4"	135	SR
Mike Wlazlo	5'9"	142	SR
Mike Anderson	5'9"	146	JR
Keith Galocy	5'7"	136	JR
Jason Gilbert	5'8"	132	JR
Dave Mann	6'2"	160	JR
Troy Toweson	5'9"	170	JR
Lonnie Byrd	5'	118	SOPH
Brian Messmer	5'7"	145	SOPH
Mike Raketich	5'5"	138	SOPH
Greg Row	5'4"	145	SOPH

FULLBACKS

Dave Arndt	5'11"	187	SR
Mike Dorelli	5'9"	170	JR
Bill Cox	5'10"	161	SOPH
Steve Trivunovic	5'9"	171	SOPH

CENTERS

Joe Buchko	5'9"	193	SR
Earl Schreiber	6'	193	JR
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Carl Grin	6'2"	156	SOPH
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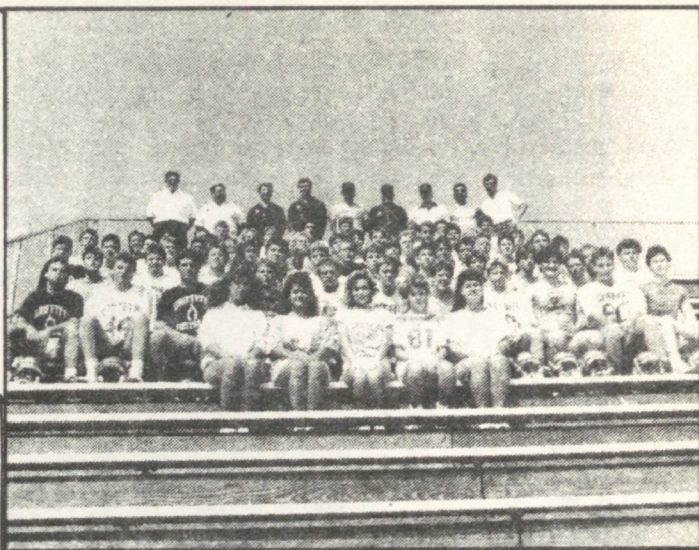
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Branko Stepanovich	5'11"	160	JR
Brett Zabek	5'10"	180	JR
Chris Anderson	5'7"	170	SOPH
John Bognar	5'6"	170	SOPH
Chris Hawkins	5'7"	165	SOPH
Eric Smith	5'11"	152	SOPH

TACKLES

Gujko Cucuz	5'11"	226	JR
John Jorden	5'10"	217	JR
Phil Katona	6'4"	235	JR
Ken Moore	5'10"	192	JR
John Yonan	5'11"	201	JR
Jeff Burks	6'	158	SOPH
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Doug Lovin	6'2"	184	SOPH
Mike Mauch	5'7"	201	SOPH

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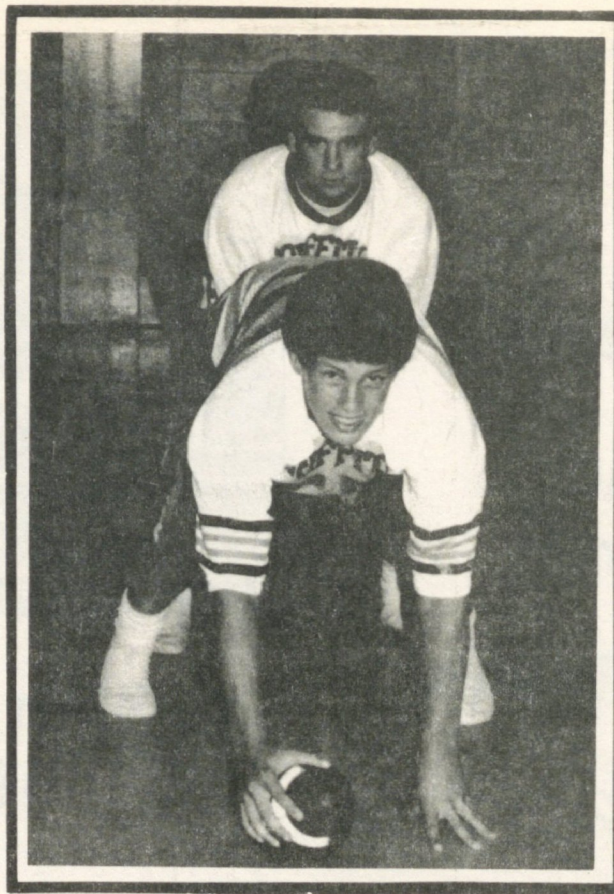
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John Mowrey	5'10"	165	JR
Bryan Textor	6'	162	JR
Derek Tucker	6'1"	182	JR
Todd Hoot	5'10"	150	SOPH
Greg McCauley	5'11"	158	SOPH
Mark Osmulski	6'3"	185	SOPH
Don Ryzewski	5'9"	140	SOPH
Joe Sainato	5'7"	137	SOPH
Rich Selcedo	5'5"	135	SOPH
Eric Seffner	6'	153	SOPH
KICKER			
Brian Phillips	5'7"	140	JR



Griffith High School 1987-88

"GO PANTHERS GO"

BE A WINNING
TEAM IN '87!



PAT MURDOCK

EARL SCHREIBER

1987 VARSITY FOOTBALL

				WE	THEY
Aug. 21	O'Rama	Calumet	7:00	_____	_____
Aug. 28	Horace Mann	H	7:30	_____	_____
Sep. 4	Lowell	H	7:30	_____	_____
Sep. 11	Munster	H	7:30	_____	_____
Sep. 18	Crown Point	T	7:30	_____	_____
Sep. 25	Calumet	T	7:30	_____	_____
Oct. 2	Lake Central	T	7:30	_____	_____
Oct. 9	Highland	H	7:30	_____	_____
	(Homecoming)				
Oct. 16	Kankakee Valley	T	7:30	_____	_____
Oct. 23,31	Sectionals			_____	_____
Nov. 7	Regionals			_____	_____
Athletic Director: Jim Bartlett					
Principal: Sam Cox					



-BACKS-

DAVID ARNDT - PAT MURDOCK - JEFF GIFFORD - RICK BENJAMIN - TROY TOWESON



-LINEMEN-

GUJKO CUCUZ - PHIL KATONA - DEREK TUCKER - EARL SCHREIBER

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JOHN JORDEN

BRETT ZABEK

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O. I R A M A



Football O'Rama's start season

by R. W. Hugus
Sports Writer

The 1987 high school football season was kicked off this past Friday, Aug. 21, when area teams began play in two O'Ramas. Munster, Highland, Bishop Noll, and Lake Central all gathered at the Munster Football O'Rama, while Griffith played at the Calumet O'Rama.

At Munster, the first quarter pitted the host Mustangs against Bishop Noll. Munster and the Warriors fought to a scoreless tie for more than 11 of the 12 minute quarter before Kevin Trilli hooked up with Anthony Powell on a seven yard touchdown pass with under 20 seconds left to play.

Mike Ulinski came on to kick the point after, and Munster came away ahead 7-0. Munster had a chance to win the period with just under a minute left to play, when Noll's Art Flores intercepted a pass in the end zone. Noll then lost the ball and the quarter, when Brian Novotny recovered a fumble on the Warrior 16 yard line that set up the winning score.

In the second quarter, Jason Evans raced 84 yards for a touchdown for the quarter's only score, and a 6-0 Highland advantage over Lake Central. The Indians had a big run of their own just prior to Evans' run when Jim Wallace ran 52 yards to the Trojan five yard line, but a fumble stalled any Lake Central chance to score.

In the third quarter, the biggest play of the night was called back as Bishop Noll and Highland played to a 0-0 tie. A clipping penalty negated Rusty Setzer's 99 yard run that was the only real opportunity that either squad had to score.

The fourth quarter didn't feature any more scoring than the third as Munster and Lake

Central finished the night with a 0-0 tie.

At Calumet, the six teams involved played a six quarter game with Griffith, Calumet and Crown Point defeating Andrean, East Chicago Central and Lowell 47-15. Griffith was the first squad of the winning team to take the field, but came up empty as they failed to score, and fell behind

Lowell 7-0. The Panthers returned to the field in the fifth period and out scored East Chicago 7-0. The Griffith score came on a 10 yard pass play from Brad Stapleton to Jeff Sweeny.

Regular season competition will begin this Friday, and all games will be non-conference. In a battle of the two big Catholic schools in Northwest

Indiana, Andrean will play at Bishop Noll. In a match-up of two schools with small enrollments, Horace Mann will visit Griffith.

Highland will have their yearly match-up with Portage at Portage. Lake Central will also take to the road as they play at Indianapolis Chatard, and what is always a classic opening week game, Valparaiso will play at Munster.

THE TIMES Saturday, August 22, 1987

Bulldogs chew up 2 teams

By MIKE BLAZE
Times Correspondent

CALUMET TWP. — If the Calumet O'Rama proved one thing, it was that Crown Point is ready to take its place atop the Lake Suburban Conference again.

The Bulldogs rolled up 273 yards and 34 points in two quarters against Andrean (14) and Lowell (20), while a dominating defense forced one fumble and two interceptions.

The Crown Point offense was led by running back John Young, who racked up 95 yards rushing, along with a touchdown against Andrean. Quarterback Pat Lane threw for 72 yards and two touchdowns while going 5-for-8 passing.

The defense, which set the tempo for Crown Point, allowed only 20 yards total offense to Andrean and four to Lowell, while coming up with one sack.

In the O'Rama, which was run on a different system, the home teams (Calumet, Crown Point and Griffith) defeated the visiting teams (Andrean, East Chicago Central and Lowell) soundly, 47-15.

The quarters, which are normally run as separate games, were run together as one continuous game, as at the end of one quarter, where ever the ball was, the next quarter started at that spot.

First Period

Behind the arm of Mike Brechler, Lowell scored the only points in winning 7-0 as Jeff Zak caught a 10-yard throw from Brechler. Brechler was 4-of-5 for 48 yards passing, while Rich Frederick rushed for 44.

Second Period

Crown Point didn't waste time as Lane connected with Nick Byrd on a 22-yard pass play for a touchdown on its way to a 14-0 advantage in the period. The next dent in the scoreboard came when Young rambled 16 yards for another score. Young led all Crown Point players with 34 yards.

Third Period

The period was uneventful until Calumet's George Montgomery raced 90 yards down the left sideline with the period's only points. Montgomery racked up all 94 of Calumet's total yardage.

Fourth Period

Crown Point once again rolled, this time 20-0, as Young ran for 61 yards, Jeff Gatch and Scott Grah each had a touchdown, and Lane hurled another TD strike, this one to Jeff Greco from 25 yards. Lane went 3-of-4 for 42 yards.

Fifth Period

Jeff Sweeny caught a 10-yard pass from Brad Stapleton to ring up the only score in the period as Griffith prevailed 7-0.

Sixth Period

Andrean's offense was reeling again by getting only 20 yards in total offense against the Calumet defense. Calumet gained 60 yards, but couldn't get into the end zone either, while quarterback Kevin Hocking was 1-1 of passing with a 44-yard toss to Montgomery.

Crown Point offense romps for 34 points

By Carole Carlson
Of the Post-Tribune

CALUMET TWP. — In a seemingly endless three-hour procession of passing, running and punting, nobody did it better than Crown Point Friday night.

Calumet football jamboree

In the six-team Calumet football jamboree, the Bulldogs blanked Andean, 14-0, and Lowell, 20-0.

In other exhibition quarters, Lowell beat Griffith, 7-0; Calumet edged East Chicago, 8-6; Griffith beat East Chicago, 7-0; and Andean and Calumet tied at 0-0.

Before taking his team out for a victory pizza, Bulldog coach Brad Smith said Friday's emphasis was on simplicity.

"We only ran four plays tonight. We just wanted to come out and look sharp and keep it basic. We executed as well as I hoped and we had a minimum amount of assignment errors."

Bulldog starting quarterback Pat Lane threw a touchdown pass in each quarter. Crown Point also intercepted a pass in each quarter and recovered five fumbles.

Smith knows the exhibition season is short-lived.

"Tonight was just straight-ahead football. We'll see multiple defenses from here on, but I'm pleased with our total aggressiveness off the ball."

Calumet coach Nick Voris was filled with superlatives about running back/cornerback George Montgomery. The 6-foot-1, 185-pound junior electrified the crowd with an 83-yard touchdown run against East Chicago. On defense, he also knocked down several passes.

"I think Montgomery is a bona fide all-state candidate," said Voris. "He runs a 4.54 40. But we have to get some people to help him out."

"Right now our problem is our offensive line. We have a long way to go on offense which is typical at this stage."

Lowell 7, Griffith 0 — Lowell's Mike Brechler looked like Doug Flutie scrambling against the Griffith pass rush. But the 5-foot-6 quarterback, who is the son of Coach Bill Brechler, managed to hang in the pocket for a 10-yard TD pass to Jeff Zak with 2:50 left in the quarter.

The pass ended a 97-yard drive. Brechler's favorite target was Brad Szczerbik, who caught four passes for 43 yards.

Griffith coach Les Thornton started Pat Murdock, an all-purpose tailback last season, at quarterback. Murdock had a 42-yard gainer early in the quarter, but a Griffith fumble at the three-yard line thwarted the drive.

Crown Point 14, Andean 0 — Nothing went right for the 59ers in this quarter. They suffered four fumbles and one interception.

Crown Point scored on just four plays. After his teammates racked up 21 yards on the ground, Pat Lane flipped a 23-yarder to Nick Byrd in the end zone.

Andean never mounted an offense behind quarterback Bob LaMere. The Bulldogs scored again after Steve Barber recovered a LaMere fumble on the 59er 16-yard line.

John Young scored on the first play, a 16-yard run, with 2:40 left.

A Mike Mitchell interception ended Andean's offensive outing.

East Chicago 8, Calumet 6 — The Cardinals took advantage of Calumet's confused defense and scored on their first possession. Terry Williams ran in the TD from the seven with 7:41 left. He alternated carries on the drive with Scott Upshaw. After an East Chicago five-yard penalty, Anthony Dowdell ran the ball into the end zone.

Calumet fumbled the ball away on its first possession, then answered with Montgomery's touchdown run from the three. Dowdell had a chance to stop Montgomery near the Calumet 40 but he failed to bump the speedster out of bounds.

The clock ran out on the Cardinals as they marched down to the one-yard line on their final drive which started at the 30.

Crown Point 20, Lowell 0 — The Bulldogs scored every time they had the ball. Running back John Young set up the first TD, gaining 30 yards in six carries. The touchdown, however, went to Scott Grah on a two-yard run with 8:13 remaining.

Jim Pause picked off a Brechler pass on Lowell's second play.

Starting at the Red Devils' 27, Young and Jeff Gatch alternated carries before Lane delivered a 25-yard touchdown pass to Jeff Greco.

Lowell's offense was stopped by a fumble recovered by Jack Harris at the Red Devil 27.

The Bulldogs ran the ball down to the two and John O'Connell ran into the end zone with Crown Point's final TD.

Griffith 7, East Chicago 0 — Quarterback Tim Dutkiewicz, a transfer from Thornton Fractional North in Calumet City, Ill., had his first touchdown pass, a 31-yarder to sophomore Joey Sainato, nullified by a penalty.

But on the Panthers' next drive, set up by a 28-yard punt return by Mike Anderson, he connected with sophomore Mark Osmulski for a 12-yard TD with 55 seconds left.

Andean 0, Calumet 0 — Andean's misfortune continued in the final quarter. Holding penalties nullified back-to-back Darren Wesley touchdown runs of 11 and 21 yards.

The 59ers, who started at the Calumet 15, after an Adam Matlon fumble recovery, wound up surrendering the ball on fourth-and-40 at the Calumet 49-yard line, following a string of penalties.

Calumet marched to the 13 before a fumble ended its scoring hopes.

GARY MANN



CHICAGO SUN-TIMES,
Thursday, August 27, 1987

FLOOD EMERGENCY

Rain, rain — go away!

Prep football

Friday's local scores

NONCONFERENCE

Calumet	7
Hammond Clark ...	0
Chesterton	14
Gary West	12
Crown Point	21
Merrillville	14
Gary Roosevelt	16
East Chicago	12
Hammond Noll	16
Andrean	8
Hobart	34
Gary Wallace	6
Griffith	17
Gary Mann	16
Hammond	16
S.B. LaSalle	12
Hammond Morton	22
Gary Wirt	0
Jimtown	27
Lake Station	0
Kankakee Valley ...	42
Hammond Gavit ...	0
Ind. Chatard	21
Lake Central	7
LaPorte	13
New Prairie	12
M.C. Rogers	26
M.C. Elston	6
Munster	10
Valparaiso	7
North Newton	39
Fountain Central ...	0
Portage	15
Highland	12
Rensselaer	29
Lowell	14
River Forest	27
Whiting	0

Post-Tribune:

Saturday, August 29, 1987

Griffith 17, Gary Mann 16 — At Griffith, the Panthers scored a touchdown with 14 seconds left, and Brian Phillips' conversion defeated Mann.

Pat Murdock's 12-yard touchdown pass to Dave Arndt tied the game at 16 and completed Griffith's rally from a 16-0 second-quarter deficit.

Griffith running back Troy Toweson rushed for 107 yards on 15 carries.

Mann's Terry Hazlett carried eight times for 126 yards, including an 89-yard touchdown run.

Gary Mann 0 16 0 0-16
Griffith 0 2 8 7-17

SCORING

M — White 70 pass from Robinson (Green pass from Robinson)

M — Hazlett 89 run (Hamilton pass from Robinson)

G — Safety

G — Arndt 2 run (Toweson pass from Dutkiewicz)

G — Arndt 12 pass from Murdock (Phillips kick)

STATISTICS

	M	G
First downs	4	16
Yards rushing	127	163
Yards passing	124	175
Passes	5-10	9-22
Intercepted by	1	5
Punts — Avg. yards	2-12	1-4
Fumbles — lost	2-1	2-0
Penalties — yards	9-80	3-20

THE TIMES

Saturday, August 29, 1987

Griffith 17

Horace Mann 16

GRIFFITH — Brad Steapleton set up Griffith's winning score by recovering a fumble on Horace Mann's 28-yard line late in the fourth quarter.

The Panthers capitalized on the turnover as Pat Murdock found Dave Arndt in the end zone for a 12-yard strike with 14 seconds on the clock.

Horseman Terry Hazlett led all rushers with 126 yards on eight carries while Troy Toweson led Griffith with 107 yards on 15 attempts. Toweson also intercepted a pass and caught two for 17 yards.

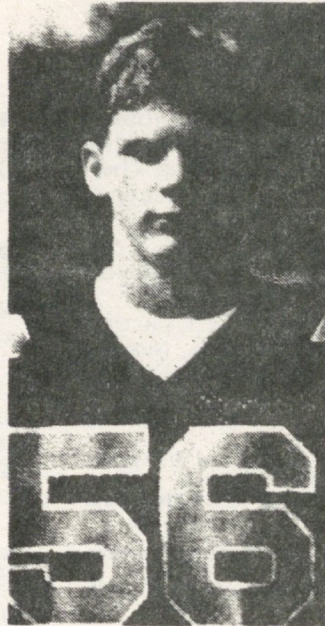
HORACE MANN	GRIFFITH
127	Net Yards Rushing 163
124	Net Yards Passing 75
251	Total Yards Gained 238
4	First Downs 16
10/5	Passes Attempted/Completed 22/9
1	Passes Had Intercepted 5
2/12.0	Punts/Average Length 1/41.0
9/80	Penalties/Yards Penalized 3/20
2/1	Fumbles/Fumbles Lost 2/0

HORACE MANN	GRIFFITH
0	0-16
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INDIVIDUAL SCORING

HM — Chris White, 70 pass from Shawn Robinson (Tony Green pass from Robinson)
HM — Terry Hazlett, 89 run (Lawone Hamilton pass from Robinson)
G — safety
G — Dave Arndt, 2 run (Troy Toweson pass from Tim Dutkiewicz)
G — Dave Arndt, 12 pass from Pat Murdock (Brian Phillips kick)

Area Sports



Defensive MVP

Brett Zabek, #56, received the defensive player of the week title for the Friday night's game against Horace Mann. Zabek lead the defense with four solo tackles and six assists.



Offensive MVP

Troy Toweson, #36, received the offensive most valuable player title for the Friday night's game against Horace Mann. Toweson carried the ball 15 times for a total of 107 yards. He had an average of 7.1. He caught two passes for 17 yards and returned a kick for 25 yards and scored a two point conversion. He also intercepted a pass while playing defense. Congratulations to these two Griffith athletes and best of luck in Friday's game against Lowell.

Go Panthers

**Good luck Griffith
against Lowell, Sept. 4**

THE CALUMET PRESS
Football starts

Three area teams win

by R. W. Hugus
Sports Writer

The Area — This past Friday, Aug. 28, was opening day for area high school football teams and three started the season on the right foot by winning their first game.

Munster came from behind to beat their annual opening-night foe, Valparaiso. Bishop Noll beat Andrean in the battle of the area's two Catholic schools and Griffith scored in the last half-minute to beat Horace Mann.

The bad news is that Lake Central and Highland both lost their first time out.

After falling behind 7-0 in the second quarter, Munster came up with a field goal in the second period and a touchdown in the third quarter to beat Valparaiso 10-7.

The field goal was a 49 yarder off the foot of Mike Ulinski that set a new school record. The winning score came on a 68-yard drive that was capped off by an eight-yard run by Steve Cerajewski.

Ulinski added the point after. The Mustangs managed only 36 yards passing, but ran for 217. The defense held the Vikings to 128 total yards, eight first downs and intercepted a pass.

Bishop Noll used the running of Rusty Setzer and the foot of Brian Keilman to beat Andrean, 16-8. Setzer scored the first points of the game in the opening quarter on a five-yard run, and Keilman booted the extra point for a 7-0 lead.

In the second quarter, Keilman extended the lead to 10-0 with a 26-yard field goal. The 59ers closed the margin to 10-8 in the third quarter, but in the fourth period Setzer put the game out of reach with an 88-yard run. For the night, Setzer finished with 199 yards rushing on 19 carries.

After falling behind 16-0, Griffith rallied to beat Horace Mann 17-16. The Panther's first score came in the second quarter on a safety to narrow the score to 16-2. Then in the third period, they moved the score to 16-10 on a two-yard run by Dave Ardnt and a two-point conversion on a pass from Tim Dutkiewicz to Troy Toweson.

Griffith's final score was set up by Brad Steapleton on a fumble recovery. The Panthers moved the ball to the 12-yard line and scored the game winner on a 12-yard pass play from Pat Murdock to Ardnt with just 14 seconds left.

Pre-season polls had Lake

Central ranked ninth in the state Class 5A listings so Indian fans had to be disappointed Friday night when they lost to Indianapolis Chatard 21-7 in Indianapolis.

The Indians scored first in the opening quarter on a 45-yard pass play from Mark Evans to Paul D'Angelo and Tom Ryba added the extra point. For the game, the Indians gained 175 yards, but only 86 on the ground.

Highland held the lead twice Friday night, but couldn't hang on as they fell to Portage 15-12. The Trojans got the game's first score on a three-yard run by Mike Stuckert, but the Indians came back in the first quarter to take a 7-6 lead.

Stuckert struck again in the second quarter on a 69-yard kick return to give the Trojans a 12-7 lead, but that was the last time they could cross the goal line.

Friday, Sept. 4 will feature Lake Suburban Conference action as Crown Point will be at Lake Central, Lowell will play at Griffith, and in the 'Battle of the Bridge' arch rival Highland will play at Munster.

In a non-conference game, Bishop Noll will play at Gary West Side.

LOWELL



Prep football

Friday's local scores

DUNELAND

Chesterton..... 3
Merrillville..... 0

Hobart..... 21
Valparaiso..... 8

LaPorte..... 14
Portage..... 7

LAKE SUBURBAN

Crown Point..... 21
Lake Central..... 0

Griffith..... 40
Lowell..... 22

Munster..... 10
Highland..... 3

LAKE SHORE

Hammond..... 47
Hammond Gavit.... 0

NW HOOSIER

Kankakee Valley... 26
River Forest..... 13

North Judson..... 21
Lake Station..... 7

North Newton..... 19
Rensselaer..... 7

NONCONFERENCE

Andrean..... 21
Gary Wirt..... 7

Calumet..... 19
Gary Mann..... 14

Gary Roosevelt.... 27
Hammond Morton 21

Gary Wallace..... 22
East Chicago..... 12

Hammond Noll..... 10
Gary West..... 8

Hammond Clark... 38
Chicago Lakeview 0

S.B. St. Joe's..... 28
M.C. Rogers..... 20

South Central..... 43
Whiting..... 0

Lake Suburban

Griffith 40, Lowell 22 — Troy Toweson led Griffith's 336-yard rushing attack with 181 yards and four touchdowns in a Lake Suburban Conference win over Lowell (0-2, 0-1).

The Panthers (2-0, 1-0) attempted only two passes and only had to punt once.

Toweson, a 5-9, 170-pound halfback, carried the ball 15 times and had a TD run of 62 yards. On defense, he intercepted a Lowell pass.

Dave Arndt (15 carries, 75 yards) and Pat Murdock (13 carries, 62 yards, 1 TD) complemented Toweson.

Lowell led briefly in the second quarter after quarterback Mike Brechler scored on a one-yard run. Brechler's two-point conversion pass to Rich Frederick gave the Red Devils an 8-7 lead.

Griffith took the lead for good on Toweson's second TD, on a three-yard run. The Panthers led 24-7 at halftime.

The Panthers expanded their lead to 37-8 before Lowell scored twice in the fourth quarter on TDs by Brechler and Jeff Zak.

Jim Langen led Lowell's offense with 84 yards rushing on 12 carries and 82 yards receiving on five receptions.

Lowell	0	8	0	14-22
Griffith	7	17	7	9-40

SCORING

G — Toweson 6 run (Phillips kick)
L — Brechler 1 run (Frederick pass from Brechler)
G — Toweson 3 run (Katona pass from Steapleton)
G — Safety (Tucker forced punter out of end zone)
G — Toweson 13 run (Phillips kick)
G — Toweson 62 run (Phillips kick)
G — Murdock 24 run (kick failed)
L — Brechler 1 run (Zak pass from Brechler)
L — Zak 15 pass from Brechler (run failed)
G — FG Phillips 30

STATISTICS

	L	G
First downs.....	15	13
Yards rushing.....	83	336
Yards passing.....	149	4
Passes.....	12-28	1-2
Intercepted by.....	1	2
Punts — Avg. yards....	1-52	1-28
Fumbles — lost.....	2-0	3-1
Penalties — yards.....	0-0	9-70

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Griffith 40 Lowell 22

GRIFFITH — Junior Troy Toweson led Griffith rush to the Lake Suburban Conference victory over Lowell.

LOWELL		GRIFFITH
83	Net Yards Rushing	336
149	Net Yards Passing	4
232	Total Yards Gained	340
15	First Downs	13
28/12	Passes Attempted/Completed	2/1
2	Passes Had Intercepted	1
1/52.0	Punts/Average Length	1/28.0
0/0	Penalties/Yards Penalized	9/70
2/0	Fumbles/Fumbles Lost	3/1

LOWELL		GRIFFITH
	0	8
	7	17
	7	9-40

INDIVIDUAL SCORING

G — Troy Toweson, 6 run (Brian Phillips kick)
L — Mike Brechler, 1 run (Rich Frederick, pass from Brechler)
G — Toweson, 3 run (Phil Katona, pass from Brad Steapleton)
G — Derek Tucker, Safety
G — Toweson, 13 run (Phillips kick)
G — Toweson, 62 run (Phillips kick)
G — Pat Murdock, 24 run (kick failed)
L — Brechler, 1 run (Jeff Zak pass from Brechler)
L — Zak, 15 pass from Brechler (run failed)
G — Phillips, 30 field goal

OFFICIALS

Bob Hanson, LaPorte; Floyd Skaggs, LaPorte; Don Weber, Hebron; Rich Calloway, Gary

Griffith Rolls Over Red Devils 40-22

Griffith literally rolled over Lowell last weekend in prep football, gaining 342 yards with a ground attack that flattened the Red Devils 40-22.

While Lowell's option offense is putting points on the board so far this season, the young defense is still vulnerable, and the experienced Panther running attack took advantage of that weakness.

Junior Troy Toweson led the charge for Griffith, which attempted only two passes in 49 offensive plays. The 5'9" halfback carried 15 times for 181 yards and scored four touchdowns -- his last on a 62-yard scamper.

Also in double digits with carries were fullback Dave Arndt with 77 yards in 15 attempts, and versatile senior Pat Murdock, who started the game at quarterback and switched to halfback after the first Panther TD to gain 63 yards in 11 carries.

The first quarter ended 7-0 in favor of the home team after Toweson streaked in from the six for Griffith's first score, followed by a Brian Phillips PAT kick.

Lowell grabbed an 8-7 lead in the second stanza after Kevin Anderson intercepted a Brad Steapleton pass at the Lowell 45 to end the first quarter. Junior QB Mike Brechler completed 3-of-5 passes to march the Red Devils down to the Griffith one-yard line, then snuck it in himself for the TD. Rich Frederick ran in the two-point conversion to give Lowell the lead.

The Panthers got it back quickly, taking advantage of a 31-yard kick-off return by Murdock. Toweson had a wall of blockers leading him into the end zone from the Lowell two and Steapleton passed to tackle-eligible Phil Katona for the two-point conversion as Griffith went up for good 15-13.

Griffith scored twice more before the half, once when Derek Tucker earned a safety after a bad snap sent Lowell punter Rich Frederick chasing the ball into his own end zone. After Lowell's kick-off was returned 31 yards by Toweson, an opportune fumble was recovered by the Panthers at the Lowell 27, and Griffith needed just four plays before Toweson took it in from the 13. Phillips kick made it 24-8 with a minute to go.

Lowell tried to recoup with a quick score, and a Brechler pass to Jim Langen gained 60 yards and put the ball at the Panther seven. An incompletion, a sack and an interception ended the drive and the first half, however.

Lowell had two sustained drives in the third quarter, one aided by four Griffith penalties, but couldn't hit paydirt. Toweson had the Midas touch, however, dashing up the middle on his team's first play from scrimmage for 62 yards and a TD. Phillips' kick gave Griffith a 31-8 cushion.

An interception by Toweson snuffed the next Lowell drive, and this time Griffith needed just three plays before Murdock scored on a pitch from the 24. The PAT kick failed, however, and Griffith led 37-8.

The Red Devils refused to roll over, however, and came back for two quick touchdowns to give Griffith a scare.

From their own 32, Langen gained 38 and Frederick 18 in a drive that brought Lowell to the Griffith one with eight minutes in the game. Brechler scored on a sneak and hit a wide open Jeff Zak in the end zone for the two-pointer as Lowell squeezed closer at 16-37.

Don McCormick of Lowell recovered a Griffith fumble one

play after the kick-off and Lowell started on Griffith's 24, scoring in three plays on a 15-yard pass from Brechler to Zak. The two-point try failed, and Griffith led 37-22.

The Panthers added an insurance field goal by Phillips with a minute left in the game, killing time by waiting until the last possible moment to snap the ball by coordinating the official's watch with a timepiece on the sidelines.

For Lowell, Langen finished with 85 yards in 12 carries, while Brechler hit on 12-of-28 passes for 150 yards, including five to Langen for 82.

The Red Devils played an error-free game and didn't lose any fumbles, but were hurt by two bad snaps in punting situations.

On defense, Frederick led the Red Devils with 13, while Mike Morgan and Chris Arnold piled up seven each.

Team Statistics

	L	G
Total Yds.	251	346
Rushes	36	47
Rushing Yds.	101	342
Passes Comp./Att.	12-28	1-2
Passing Yds.	150	4
First Downs	13	13
Interceptions	1	2
Fumbles/Lost	1/0	3/1
Penalties/Yds.	0/0	10/82
Punts/Avg.	1/52	1/28

Scoring By Quarters

L	0	8	0	14-22
G	7	17	7	9-40

Individual Scoring

- G-Troy Toweson, six-yard run (Brian Phillips Kick)
- L-Mike Brechler, one-yard run (Rich Frederick run)
- G-Toweson, two-yard run (Brad Steapleton pass to Phil Katona)
- G-Derek Tucker safety
- G-Toweson, 13-yard run (Phillips kick)
- G-Toweson, 62-yard run (Phillips kick)
- G-Pat Murdock, 24-yard run (Phillips kick failed)
- L-Brechler, one-yard run (Brechler pass to Jeff Zak)
- L-Zak, 15-yard pass from Brechler (Frederick run fails)
- G-Phillips, 40-yard field goal

Munster wins 'bridge' in OT

by R.W. Hugus
Sports Writer

The Ridge — In the 1987 version of the 'Battle of the Bridge' it took a while for both teams to warm up. But when the smoke had cleared Friday night, Munster had pulled out an overtime victory over Highland.

In other games concerning area teams, Griffith rolled over Lowell. Bishop Noll edged West Side, and Lake Central fell to Crown Point.

In a game that was dominated by either great defense or poor offense, Munster beat Highland 10-3 in a Lake Suburban Conference game that went into overtime to decide a winner.

Most of the game was played between the 30-yd. lines before Highland hit the scoreboard in the fourth quarter on a 31-yd. field goal by Tim Pae. The way the Mustang offense had operated all night, it looked like Pae's field goal would stand up.

But Munster came back with their biggest play of the night when Jim Dryjanski hit Larry Wiley for a 38-yd. gain. When the official hit the Trojans with a face mask penalty, the ball was placed on the Highland 18-yd. line. Three plays later, the ball sat on the 10-yd. line which called for

Mike Ulinski to boot a tying field goal with under a minute to go in the contest.

The extra period started with Munster in possession of the ball. After three plays, they again relied on Ulinski to kick a field goal. His attempt was successful, but a penalty on Highland caused the Mustangs to take the three points off the board, and go from the five-yd. line first down.

On the third play of the series, Dryjanski hit Brian Novotny with a five-yd. scoring pass on a ball that was tipped by the Trojan defense. On Highland's possession, a penalty put the ball back to the 25-yd. line and the Trojans never threatened to score.

In a LSC game, Griffith had little trouble beating Lowell 40-22 behind the scoring punch of Troy Toweson. Toweson outscored Lowell as he hit the end zone four times on runs of 6, 13, 3, and 62 yards.

Also hitting the end zone for the Panthers was Pat Murdock on a 24-yd. run. Brian Phillips booted three extra points and a 30-yd. field goal, while Phil Katona caught a two-point conversion pass from Brad Steapleton. For the game the Panthers rushed for 336 yds.

Bishop Noll scored all of their points in the first quarter

enroute to a 10-8 win over West Side. The Warriors first score came on a 60-yd. run by Kevin Ferry, and the extra point by Brian Keilman made the score 7-0. Keilman then added a 30-yd. field goal to close out the Noll scoring. The Warrior defense held West Side to just 111 total yards, while intercepting four passes and recovering a fumble.

Lake Central managed to rack up 247 total yards against Crown Point, but couldn't dent the scoreboard as they fell to the Bulldogs, 21-0 in another LSC contest. The Indian defense didn't have a good night either as they gave up a total of 451 yds.

This Friday's schedule should provide interest for area football fans as Bishop Noll plays their third non-conference game at Lew Wallace, while in the Lake Suburban Conference Calumet will be at Lake Central, Crown Point at Highland and Munster at Griffith.

LSC standings show Munster, Griffith and Crown Point at 1-0, Calumet 0-0, and Highland, Lake Central and Lowell 0-1.

Toweson, Anderson honored

Troy Toweson and Mike Anderson, were named offensive and defensive players of the week for the Griffith High Panthers, for their performance in the Panthers' 40-22 trouncing of Lowell.

Toweson, a 170 lb. half-back, had 181 yards in 15



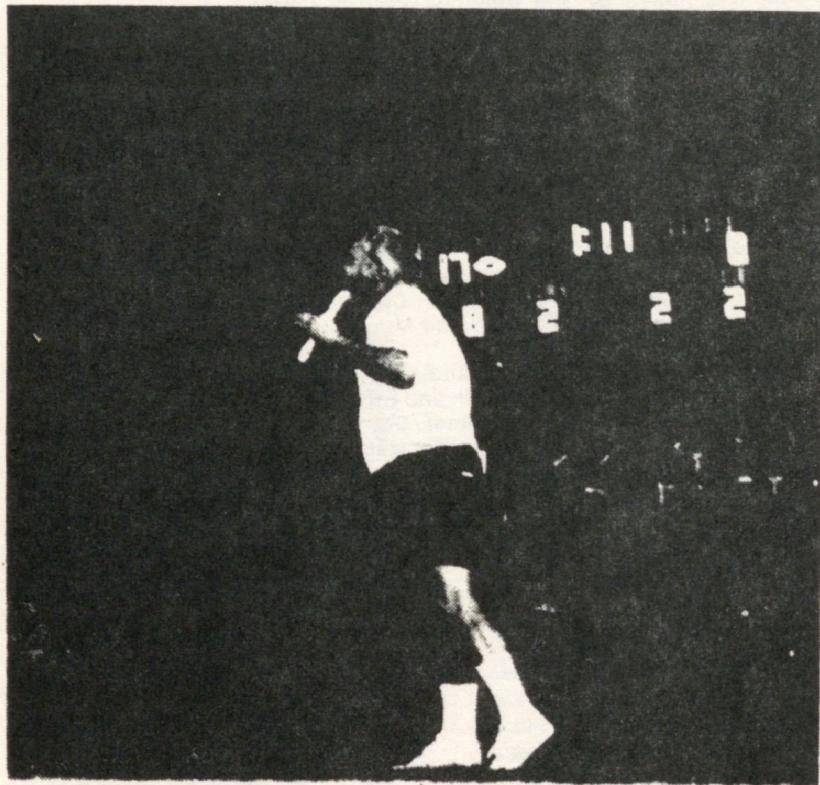
carries, and scored four touchdowns, his longest a 62-yarder. Mike Anderson had five solo tackles and three assists to lead the Panther defense. The Panthers were 2-0, 1-0 in the conference, after that win.

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Go Panthers

**Good Luck
Griffith. Beat
those Mustangs, Sept. 11.**

**Griffith High
Football, Friday, Sept.
11, at 7:30 p.m. at home.**



Head Coach Les Thorton yells instructions to his players against Lowell. The Panthers went on to beat the Red Devils 40-22. They will play Crown Point tonight at the Bulldog's Field.

MUNSTER



Sluggish Munster good enough

Saturday, September 12, 1987

Prep football

Friday's local scores

DUNELAND

LaPorte 20
Chesterton 7

Merrillville 12
Portage 7

Valparaiso 24
M.C. Rogers 19

LAKE SUBURBAN

Crown Point 20
Highland 10

Lake Central 35
Calumet 6

Munster 27
Griffith 12

LAKE SHORE

Hammond Morton .. 9
Hammond 0

NORTHWESTERN

Gary Roosevelt 27
Gary Mann 6

Gary Wirt 2
Gary West 0

NW HOOSIER

North Newton 29
Kankakee Valley... 6

River Forest 20
Lake Station 0

Rensselaer 7
North Judson 0

NONCONFERENCE

Hobart 17
Andrean 12

Gary Wallace 14
Hammond Noll 12

East Chicago 52
Hammond Gavit.... 6

Hammond Clark ... 40
Whiting 0

Lowell 40
Benton Central 7

Post-Tribune:

Munster 27, Griffith 12 — At Griffith, Class 4A, sixth-ranked Munster remained unbeaten with a Lake Suburban Conference win.

Quarterback Jim Dryjanski scored two touchdowns for Munster (3-0, 2-0). He carried 15 times for 53 yards. Teammate Paul Harding ran 10 times for 133 yards, including an 11-yard TD run.

Brian Phillips kicked field goals of 22 and 43 yards for Griffith (2-1, 1-1). Troy Toweson scored on a 27-yard run and had 64 yards in eight carries.

Griffith's Pat Murdock returned the opening kickoff 88 yards to set up Phillips' 22-yard field goal.

Munster	7	7	0	13-27
Griffith	6	0	0	6-12

SCORING

G — FG Phillips 22
M — Dryjanski 1 run (Ulinski kick)
G — FG Phillips 43
M — Torreano 3 run (Ulinski kick)
M — Harding 11 run (pass failed)
G — Toweson 27 run (pass failed)
M — Dryjanski 3 run (Novotny kick)

STATISTICS

	M	G
First downs.....	19	3
Yards rushing.....	266	56
Yards passing.....	127	13
Passes.....	9-13	1-9
Intercepted by.....	3	1
Punts — Avg. yards....	2-36	2-40.5
Fumbles — lost.....	2-1	4-2
Penalties — yards.....	7-60	3-25

THE TIMES

GRIFFITH — Munster showed why it's ranked fifth in the Class 4A poll.

The Mustangs, despite a subpar performance, managed to still come away victories with a 27-12 victory over previously unbeaten Griffith Friday night.

"We weren't mentally ready to play this week," Munster coach Leroy Marsh said. "We played very spotty. We played well defensively and offensively we played well at times."

Senior Paul Harding returned to the lineup for Munster and rushed 10 times for 133 yards. Harding was injured early in last week's contest with Highland.

"Jim Dryjanski and Paul Harding played well for us," Marsh said.

Dryjanski rushed for two touchdowns and completed all nine of his passing attempts for 127 yards. He also rushed 15 times for 53 yards.

Munster's defense limited Griffith to 69 yards and three first downs. The Panthers used two long kickoff returns to set up a pair of first quarter field goals and got a 27-yard touchdown run from Troy Toweson in the final period to put Griffith within a touchdown at 20-12.

"We kept letting them get back in the game," Marsh said. "Our kicking game was horrendous. Our execution on our kickoff coverage was terrible."

Munster played without two-way regulars Gary Eldridge (torn rotator cuff) and Chris Dywas (knee).

Toweson finished with 64 yards in eight carries.

MUNSTER	GRIFFITH			
266	Net Yards Rushing	56		
127	Net Yards Passing	13		
393	Total Yards Gained	69		
19	First Downs	3		
13/9	Passes Attempted/Completed	9/1		
1	Passes Had Intercepted	3		
2/36	Punts/Average Length	2/40.5		
7/60	Penalties/Yards Penalized	3/25		
2/1	Fumbles/Fumbles Lost	4/2		
SCORING BY QUARTERS				
MUNSTER	7	7	0	13-27
GRIFFITH	6	0	0	6-12

INDIVIDUAL SCORING

G — Brian Phillips, 22 field goal
M — Jim Dryjanski, 1 run (Mike Ulinski kick)
G — Phillips, 43 field goal
M — Jim Torreano, 3 run (Ulinski kick)
M — Paul Harding, 11 run (pass failed)
G — Troy Toweson, 27 run (pass failed)
M — Dryjanski, 3 run (Bryan Novotny kick)

Mustangs are undefeated

by R. W. Hugus
Sports Writer

The Area — Munster is off to a fine start this season as they ran their season record to 3-0 Friday night with a Lake Suburban Conference win over Griffith. Also Friday night, Lake Central beat Calumet, Highland fell to Crown Point, and Bishop Noll lost to Lew Wallace.

Munster gave up a 22-yd. field goal to Brian Phillips in the first quarter, and then came back to beat Griffith 27-12. The Mustangs scored four touchdowns in all two on one and three yds. by Jim Dryjanski. Paul Harding scored on an 11-yd. run, Jim Torreano on a three-yd. run, Mike Ulinski on two extra points, and an extra point by Bryan Novotny. For the Panthers, Phillips added a 43-yd. field goal, and Troy

Toweson scored on a 27-yd. run. For the sixth-ranked Mustangs, they held Griffith to just three first downs, intercepted three passes, and recovered two fumbles.

Lake Central fell behind Calumet 6-0 in the first quarter, but then roared back to smear the Indians 35-6. For Lake Central, Mark Evans scored on runs of one and 11 yds., while Steve Smith booted three extra points. Also scoring 10 touchdowns were Jim Wallace on a 15-yd. run, Kevin Nolbertowicz on a 17-yd. run and Paul D'Angelo on a 43-yd. pass play from Evans. Rick FLorkiewicz also scored on a two-point conversion on a pass from Evans. On defense Lake Central held Calumet to just seven yds. passing, and intercepted two balls.

Highland held a 10-7 lead at halftime, but ended up losing to Crown Point 20-10. The Bull Dogs took a 7-0 lead in the first quarter, but the Trojans came back to tie the score in the second period on a three-yd. run by Jason Evans and an extra point by Tim Pae. Highland then took the lead on a 39-yd. field goal by Pae. The Trojans were shutout in the second half and were hampered when they lost starting quarterback Brian Guzek to injury in the third quarter.

Bishop Noll twice tried to catch up, but couldn't as they lost to Lew Wallace 14-12. The Warriors fell behind 7-0 in the first quarter, but came back to narrow the score to 7-6 in the second period on a seven-yd. pass play from Kevin Ferry to Jim Bradtke. The kick after failed. The Hornets scored again in the third quarter to make the score 14-6, but Noll came back to score in the fourth on another seven-yd. pass play from Ferry to Kevin Bobos. The Warriors then tried to run in the two-point conversion to tie the score, but the attempt failed.

Crown Point and Munster hold the lead in the Lake Suburban Conference with 2-0 records, while Lake Central and Griffith stand at 1-1, Lowell and Calumet 1-1, and Highland 0-2.

Troy Toweson (G), is far and away the area's leading scorer with 32 points followed by Brian Phillips (G) 13, Rusty Setzer (BN), Jim Dryjanski (M), Mike Stuckert (H), Dave Arndt (G), Paul D'Angelo (LC), Mark Evans (LC), 12, and Mike Ulinski (M) 10).

Lake Suburban Conference action will resume this Friday with Griffith traveling to Crown Point. Highland will be visiting at Calumet and Lowell will play at Munster. In a non-conference contest, Bishop Noll will host East Chicago Central.

THE SHOPPER, Thursday, September 17, 1987

Go Panthers

**Good Luck Griffith
against the Bulldogs,
Sept. 18.**

**Griffith plays at
Crown Point. Game
time 7:30 p.m.**

CROWN POINT



Crown Point spells trouble

by Brian Kretz

Tonight's game against Crown Point should be very tough. Head Coach Les Thornton explained that he saw how tough Crown Point was at this year's O'Rama. "Crown Point has the biggest team they ever had. They are also highly skilled with a quarterback who can throw the ball. I think Crown Point has a chance of winning the conference," added Thornton.

In the past years, Griffith has not played well against Crown Point. Last year, when the Bulldogs visited the Panther confines, they walked over Griffith, scoring more points in the first half, than any other team Thornton has ever coached against. Two years ago, Griffith took Crown Point into overtime. "We've struggled with Crown Point back through the years. Since I've been here at Griffith, we've beat them 3 times. Generally speaking, Crown Point is one of the toughest teams on our schedule to beat," said Thornton.

Last Friday night, as the closing minutes ticked away, Munster scored, putting away any hope of a comeback. The Griffith football team wound-up losing their first game 27-12, to Munster, who is one of the favorites to win the conference. Their record is now 2-1.

Although Griffith lost, there were some highlights. In the first half seniors Pat Murdock and Jeff Gifford, both, had outstanding kick-off returns. Junior Brian Phillips, kicked a 43 yard field-goal, which is now the school record. Along with the highlights, every coach can pick a down point in the game. "Our pass defense and offense were not that good, and Munster out-handled our line with their size," stated Coach Thornton. Also another down side was the injury to senior Pat Murdock, who is very questionable for tonight's game.

Griffith's first win of the season came on a late surge in the second half, to beat Horace Mann, 17-16. Going into the game, Coach Thornton was a little uncertain about Horace Mann. "You never know what they're going to go on defense, and it's the beginning game. So, you're always wondering how we're going to do and what our team is like. You're always trying to answer questions on how good your team is. One thing I did find out, though, is that we had some character in getting down and not completely collapsing and coming back and winning the game," explained Coach Thornton.

Going into the Lowell game, Coach Thornton wanted to run the ball and control the clock, something Griffith couldn't do in the Horace Mann game. "In the

Lowell game, we got to carry out our game plan. We ran the ball for over 300 yards and controlled the clock. Some of our mistakes, came when we were freely substituting, and Lowell still had their starters in, but those things will happen," said Coach Thornton. Griffith won by a score of 40-22.

The Panthers are returning 14 letterman this season, but according to Coach Thornton, this year's team is similiar to last year's, with a few exceptions. "This year's team is a little bit bigger and a little more experienced, even though we're young. That is because we have eight juniors who we lettered last year. Our youth comes from our 27 juniors and 20 sophomores," explained Couch Thornton.

Some of the strengths of this year's team is the running. With senior Pat Murdock, who was the leading ground gainer last year, and the exceptional play of junior Troy Toweson, gives the Panthers a balanced backfield. Other strengths are the depth in the line and the kicking game. However, some weaknesses are the inexperienced quarter back and pass protection. Another thing that Coach Les Thornton would like to improve on is team defense.

While speaking of defense, the key players are linebackers, senior Dave Arndt and junior Brett Zabek. In the line are senior Ken Herd and junior Bronko Stepanovich. In the secondary are senior Pat Murdock, junior Troy Toweson, senior Jeff Gifford, sophomore Joe Sainato, and junior Mike Anderson. On offense, the key players are much the same, Pat Murdock and Troy Toweson at halfback, Dave Arndt at fullback and at quards, Ken Herd and senior Tim Grcevich.

The next two games are against Calumet and Lake Central, which are both away.

Crown Point, Young run down Griffith

Prep football

Friday's local scores

DUNELAND

Hobart	9
LaPorte	6

Valparaiso	19
Chesterton	0

LAKE SUBURBAN

Crown Point	49
Griffith	9

Highland	35
Calumet	6

Munster	24
Lowell	0

NORTHWESTERN

Gary Roosevelt	34
Gary Wirt	0

Gary Wallace	28
Gary West	0

LAKE SHORE

Hammond Clark ...	35
Hammond Gavit ...	0

NW HOOSIER

Kankakee Valley ...	14
Rensselaer	7

North Judson	10
North Newton	7

NONCONFERENCE

Andreon	20
Gary Mann	18

Hammond Noll	21
East Chicago	14

Lake Station	18
Whiting	0

Portage	27
Lake Central	6

River Forest	14
South Central	6

By Pam Mucha
Of the Post-Tribune

CROWN POINT — Class 5A, 10th-ranked Crown Point is off to its best football start since 1984.

Friday night, the unbeaten Bulldogs walloped Lake Suburban Conference opponent Griffith, 49-9, for their fourth straight win.

"We weren't expecting this (start), but we're pleased," said Coach Brad Smith. "We've beaten three teams rated ahead of us to get here. Last year we played great football against those same teams and we were 0-3."

Tailback John Young, who didn't find the muddy field much of a problem, was the big reason for this rout.

The senior scored four touchdowns and carried 18 times for 210 yards in the first half. He watched from the sidelines most of the second half.

"He's getting better all the time," Smith said of Young, who has nine touchdowns and 721 yards rushing in four games. "He can get it inside on traps, and outside on sweeps, and our offensive line is pretty decent."

Young, who scored on runs of two, six, seven, and two yards, preferred to give all the credit to his teammates.

"My line was blocking for me," he said. "They do it all. They dominate everybody. I just run."

Smith said: "We could have thrown the ball more if we wanted to, but we thought we'd just run a little tonight."

Bulldog quarterback Pat Lane was 3 of 6 passing for 34 yards, all in the first half. Tight end Mike Bauner, the reserve QB, played the second half.

"We've got a varied attack," Smith said. "Lane can throw the ball well enough to keep people loose. If teams key on Young, we'll throw."

Young's supporting cast was also impressive. On Griffith's second play from scrimmage in

the third quarter, quarterback Brad Steapleton was hit as he prepared to pitch out.

The ball was knocked into the air and into the arms of cornerback Rhett Ballou, who returned it 30 yards for a touchdown. Scott Holder kicked his fifth of seven conversions, giving Crown Point a 35-6 lead.

After Griffith's next drive stalled on its 38-yard line, Scott Grah drove through the middle on CP's first play from scrimmage, shedding several tacklers for a 69-yard touchdown run.

Jamie Keilman's fumble recovery at the Griffith 10 set up CP's final touchdown. Matt Monroe ran in from the 1-yard line.

"I never thought this game would happen," Smith said. "But without those two scores off defense, the score wouldn't have been so big. But they had (quarterback Pat) Murdock out, too, and that hurt them."

Crown Point (4-0, 3-0) gained 312 yards rushing to Griffith's 105. Panther halfback Troy Toweson had nearly half of that yardage.

He scored his team's only touchdown, on a two-yard run midway through the second quarter.

Two CP penalties on a personal foul and a face-mask call gave Griffith (2-2, 1-2) 30 extra yards on that drive.

Linebacker Brad Lambert had nine tackles and two assists for Crown Point, and Tad Filter had seven solos and two assists.

Crown Point and Munster, ranked fourth in 4A, may eventually decide the conference championship. The teams, both 3-0 in the league, meet on Oct. 2.

Griffith	0	6	0	3-9
Crown Point	14	14	14	7-49

SCORING

CP — Young 2 run (Holder kick)	*
CP — Young 6 run (Holder kick)	*
CP — Young 7 run (Holder kick)	*
G — Toweson 2 run (pass failed)	*
CP — Young 2 run (Holder kick)	*
CP — Ballou 30 fumble recovery (Holder kick)	*
CP — Grah 69 run (Holder kick)	*
G — FG Phillips 25	*
CP — Monroe 1 yard (Holder kick)	*

STATISTICS

	G	CP
First downs	14	10
Yards rushing	105	312
Yards passing	100	34
Passes	8-21	3-6
Intercepted by	0	1
Punts — Avg. yards	3-39	3-32
Fumbles — lost	6-3	2-0
Penalties — yards	2-10	5-44

Young, Dogs run away from Griffith

By ROMAN MODROWSKI

Times Sports Writer

CROWN POINT — While Griffith's defense probably thought it was chasing John Young for an eternity, the record book shows the Crown Point running back playing only one half.

But what a half.

The 5-foot-8, 180-pound tailback rushed for 210 yards on 18 carries and scored four touchdowns.

"There was never anybody there," Young said. "My offensive line dominated everybody."

"They were just blocking great tonight."

Even when Griffith (2-2) tacklers would get a shot at Young, the senior would either dip a shoulder and go through them or change directions and go around them.

"He's getting better all the time," Bulldog coach Brad Smith said of his prize back. "He's a pretty good football player."

Not that they needed it, but Griffith's offense helped the Bulldogs (4-0) by committing four turnovers.

The first miscue came on the Panthers' initial possession of the game when halfback Troy Toweson fumbled a slippery ball right into the hands of defensive back Jim Pause.

Crown Point set up shop on Griffith's 38-yard line and two plays later Young raced 33 yards to make it a first-and-goal on the five.

Young was in the end zone two plays later. Scott Holver then kicked the first of his seven extra points on the night to make it 7-0.

And the rout was on.

The next score was the product of a 70-yard drive highlighted by a 44-yard scamper by Young to the one-yard-line.

After an offside penalty pushed the ball to the six, Young exploded up the middle for touchdown No. 2.

The Panthers didn't give Young much time to rest as Griffith maintained possession for three plays before punting.

Smith called for the draw once again, and found similar results. Young bursted into the middle of the Panthers' defense and bounced outside for a 55-yard gain to Griffith's 10-yard line.

Young capped off the drive with an eight-yard spurt up the middle to make it 21-0.

"Our offensive line is playing decent," Smith said, "and with Young playing well,

that's a good combination."

So far, it's been an unbeatable combination.

"Nobody in their right mind would predict a 4-0 start in this conference," Smith said.

Young's accomplishments came as no surprise as the Calumet Region's leading rusher has gained 722 yards in four games.

"I knew we could run a little bit," Smith said, "and (fullback Scott) Grah was throwing great blocks tonight."

As if to return a favor, Crown Point's defense aided Griffith's next possession with a pair of consecutive 15-yard penalties. A personal foul and a face-mask infraction pushed the ball from Griffith's 43 to the 23-yard line of the Bulldogs.

Attacking out of the wishbone formation, quarterback Brad Steapleton called his own number on two plays and gained 15 yards to make it first-and-goal on the eight.

Toweson found the end zone two plays later for Griffith's lone touchdown. The two-point conversion attempt failed to make it 21-6.

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Crown Point quarterback Pat Lane set up the next score with a 20-yard pass to tight end Mike Bauner at the Griffith 22.

With 25 second before halftime Young made his final visit to the end zone on a three-yard dive up the middle.

The second half proved to be more of the same except it was Young's teammates who did the scoring.

Griffith's first possession of the second half ended when Steapleton's pitch was grabbed by defensive back Rhett Ballou who raced 30 yards for the touchdown.

The Panthers punted on their next possession and Grah returned it 69 yards for the score.

GRIFFITH		CROWN POINT	
105	Net Yards Rushing		312
100	Net Yards Passing		3
205	Total Yards Gained		315
14	First Downs		3
22/8	Passes Attempted/Completed		6/0
1	Passes Had Intercepted		0
3/30.0	Punts/Average Length		3/32.0
2/10	Penalties/Yards Penalized		5/44
6/3	Fumbles/Fumbles Lost		2/0
SCORING BY QUARTERS			
GRIFFITH	0	6	0
CROWN POINT	14	14	14
INDIVIDUAL SCORING			
CP — John Young, 2 run (Scott Holver kick good)			
CP — Young, 6 run (Holver kick good)			
CP — Young, 8 run (Holver kick good)			
GR — Troy Toweson 2 run (run failed)			
CP — Young, 3 run (Holver kick)			
CP — Rhett Ballou, 30 run from fumble recovery (Holver kick good)			
CP — Scott Grah, 64 run (Holver kick good)			
GR — Brian Phillips, 25 field goal			
CP — Matt Monroe, 1 run (Holver kick good)			

Young runs wild in 49-9 romp over Griffith

By MARTY SHAHBAZ
Sports Editor

Give John Young an opening, any little opening, and you're in trouble. The Griffith Panthers learned that lesson the hard way last Friday night as the Crown Point running star shredded their defense for 210 yards in 18 carries and four touchdowns in leading the Bulldogs (4-0, 2-0, Lake Suburban Conference) to an emotion-charged 49-9 victory.

The No. 10 ranking for Crown Point is the highest since 1984 when the Bulldogs were ranked fifth in the state and finished the regular season 10-0.

"I honestly didn't think I would gain that many yards on a wet field," said the modest Bulldog running back. "I do know that my line and fullback blocked for me. Center Chris Schach, guards Phil Wayco and Ed Mysogland, tackle Jeff Kissel, end Mike Minch and fullback Scott Grah all did a great job of blocking for me."

Crown Point looked like money in the bank right from the opening kickoff. Defensive back Jim Pause recovered a Griffith fumble the second time it ran a play at the Panther 38. Five plays later Young bulled his way into the end zone for the TD. Scott

Holder converted his first of seven PAT kicks.

With 16 seconds remaining in the opening quarter, Young smashed into the end zone on a six-yard TD run giving him 108 yards in nine carries.

Before the second quarter came to a close, Young accounted for two more six-pointers on runs of seven and two yards. He finished the second quarter with 102 yards in nine carries. He did not play in the second half. Young's four-game totals include 721 yards in 87 carries (8.2 average) and nine touchdowns for 54 points.

Defensive back Rhett Ballou came up with the play of the night. Operating out of the wishbone, Griffith quarterback Brad Stapleton was set to pitch to his back Troy Toweson when linebacker Brad Lambert's vicious hit forced the ball loose. Ballou grabbed it in mid-air only to race 30 yards for a touchdown.

Following a Griffith punt, Grah shook off several would-be tacklers and was off to the races on a 69-yard TD run.

With less than a minute remaining, linebacker Jamie Keilman recovered a fumble at the Griffith one. Running back Matt Monroe got into the scoring

act with a on-yard TD plunge.

"I wasn't very pleased with our defense in a lot of ways," said coach Brad Smith. "I thought we did some things we shouldn't have done. We didn't play as well as we can play defensively, but then again you lose momentum and intensity when it's 28-6."

"We didn't intend for the score to be this big. We thought we could throw the ball if we really wanted to, but I decided we'd just run with the ball and not crank it up too much."

Crown Point did not throw a pass in the second half. Quarterback Pat Lane completed 3-of-6 passes for 35 yards.

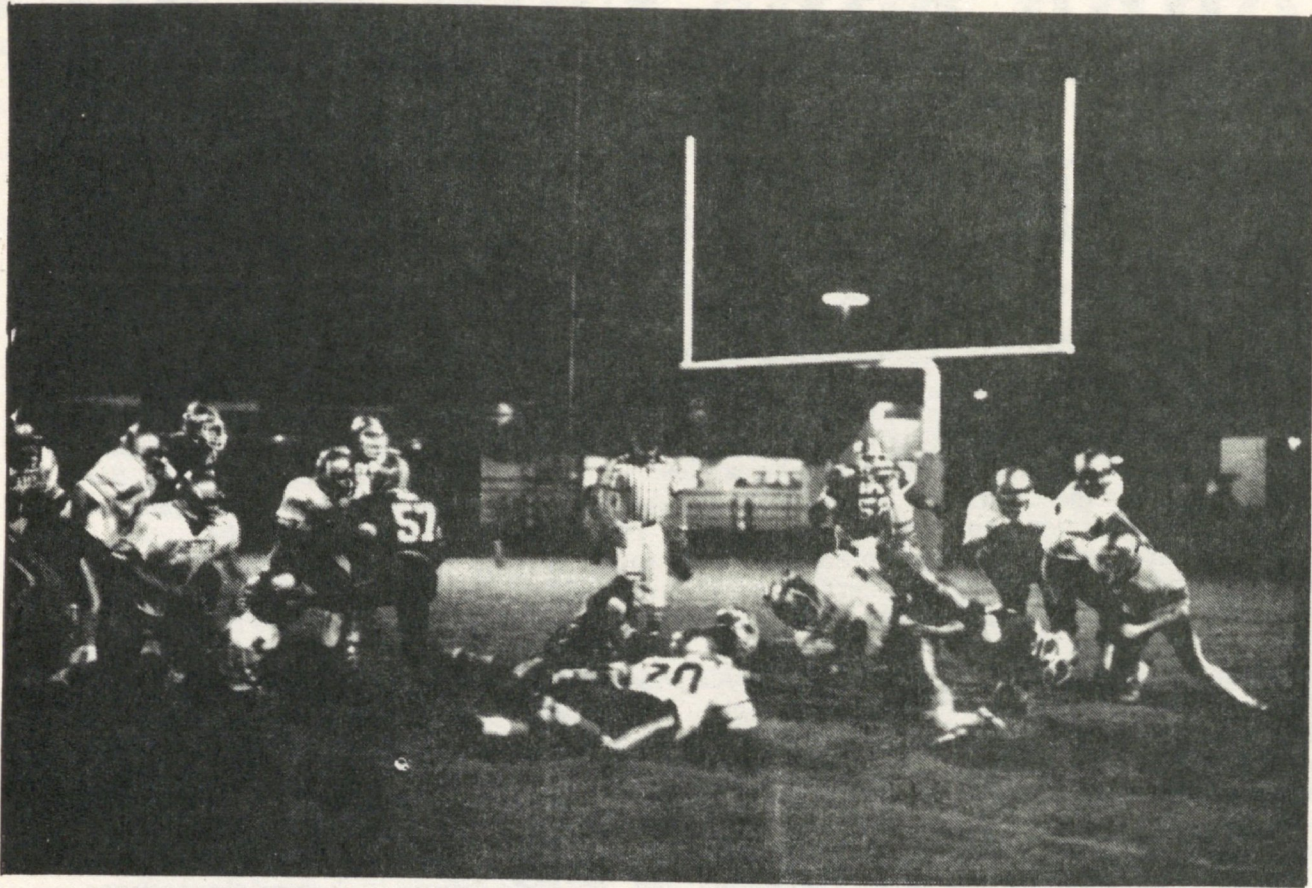
Jeff Gatch, used mostly on defense in the past three games, got a little playing time at fullback.

"We want (Jeff) Gatch to get some time on offense, but he's more valuable on defense right now and (Scott) Grah more than proves his value offensively at fullback."

The bulldog linebackers played well inside and the corner backs played better than they have. The pass defense also has improved.

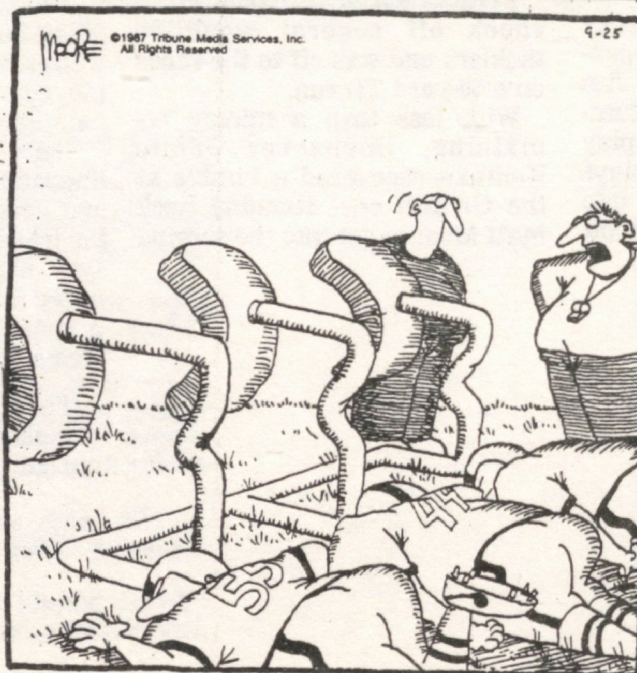
The CP defense was led by linebackers Lambert, Tad Filter and Joe Chiarella. Lambert led the trio with nine solo tackles and two assists. Filter recorded seven takedowns, two assists and a broken up pass and Chiarella was credited with six tackles.

The Crown Point defense has not allowed a point in the third quarter in four games.



LONG GAINER — Scott Grah, 5-foot-7, 170-pound fullback, is brought down from behind after a long gain against Griffith. Grah also scored on a 33-yard touchdown run.

In The Bleachers



"Well, there's the problem. The tackling sled is facing the wrong way."

Mustangs remain undefeated

by R. W. Hugus
Sports Writer

The Munster Mustangs are off to a fine start this season. After four weeks of play they are undefeated after their win Friday night over Lowell. In other games this past Friday, Highland had little trouble with Calumet, Bishop Noll beat East Chicago Central, while Lake Central and Griffith both lost.

Munster had little trouble running their Lake Suburban Conference record to 3-0 as they ran over Lowell 24-0. The Mustangs ran for 229 of their 309 total yards, but three of their touchdowns came on passes. The first Mustang score came in the first quarter on a nine-yard pass play from Jim Dryjanski to Paul Harding.

The final Mustang score came in the fourth period when Bryan Novotny scooped up a fumble and ran the ball into the end zone from 15 yards out. The Munster defense held Lowell to just 160 total yards, and recovered two fumbles.

Highland also had an easy time Friday night in an LSC game as they beat Calumet 35-6. The Trojans installed Chris Ferko in the backfield, and Ferko came up with three

touchdowns on runs of one, 20 and 16 yards. Jason Evans also had a good night as he had a 21-yard touchdown run, a two-point conversion run, and kicked an extra point. Closing out the scoring was Tony Gross with a 42-yard punt return for a touchdown, and Tim Pae with two extra points.

Bishop Noll ran their season's record to 3-1 Friday night with a 21-14 win over East Chicago Central. The Warriors used two touchdown runs by Rusty Setzer to gather in the win. Setzer scored in the first quarter on a 29-yard run, and then came back in the third period to score on a six-yard run. The final Noll score came on a 77-yard pass play from Kevin Ferry to Kevin Bobos. Joe Betustak kicked all three extra points. Turnovers helped the Warriors as they intercepted three passes and recovered a fumble.

The news wasn't good at Lake Central Friday night as they lost to Portage 27-6. After a scoreless first quarter, Portage took a 6-0 lead, but the Indians came back to tie the game on a one-yard run by Mark Evans. The attempt for the point after failed, and that was the last time Lake Central

would see the end zone. For the game, the Indians amassed 205 total yards splitting it fairly even with 104 rushing and 101 passing.

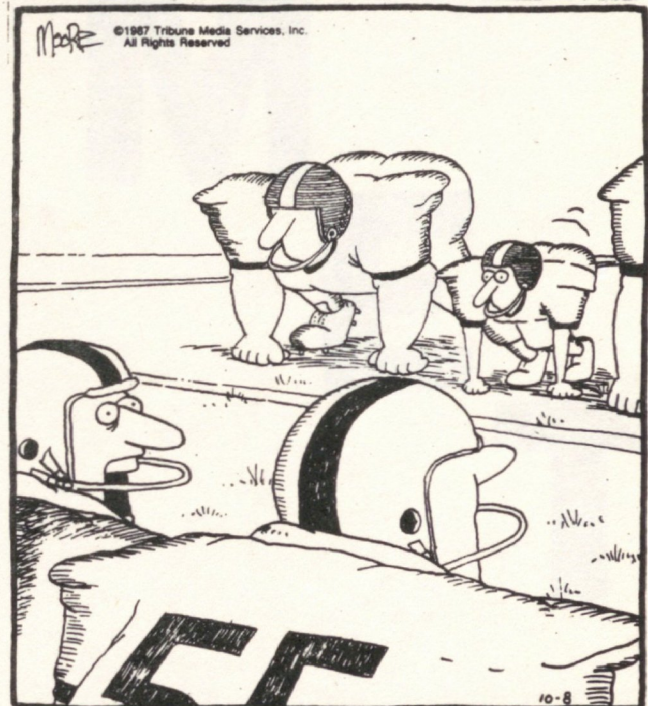
Griffith could only score twice as they fell to Crown Point 49-9 in an LSC game. The Panthers' only touchdown came in the second quarter on a two-yard run by Troy Toweson, and they scored again in the final period on a 25-yard field goal by Brian Phillips. LSC games, while in the Lake Lake Suburban Conference standings now show Munster and Crown Point leading the way with 3-0 records followed by Lake Central 1-1, Griffith

and Highland 1-2, and Lowell and Calumet 0-2.

Troy Toweson (G) is still the area's leading scorer with 38 points, while Rusty Setzer (BN) has 24, Mark Evans (LC) 18, Chris Ferko (H) 18, Brian Phillips (G) 16, and Jason Evans (H) 15.

This Friday's schedule shows Griffith at Calumet and Lake Central at Highland in LSC games, while in the Lake Shore Conference, Bishop Noll will be at Hammond Clark. In a non-conference game, Munster will travel to Mishawaka Marian.

In The Bleachers



"Hands off. I saw him first."

CALUMET



Griffith bests Calumet H.S.

Prep football

Local scores

DUNELAND

Hobart 33
Chesterton 6

Valparaiso 13
Merrillville 7

Portage 22
M.C. Rogers 14

LAKE SUBURBAN

Crown Point 56
Lowell 14

Griffith 39
Calumet 20

Lake Central 34
Highland 6

NORTHWESTERN

Gary Roosevelt 22
Gary Wallace 19

Gary Mann ppd.
Gary Wirt 3

LAKE SHORE

Hammond Clark ... 26
Hammond Noll 23

NW HOOSIER

North Newton 33
River Forest 7

North Judson 33
Kankakee Valley ... 12

Rensselaer 22
Lake Station 0

NONCONFERENCE

Andrean 55
Luther South 0

Hammond 28
Gary West 19

Hammond Morton .. 9
East Chicago 0

Munster 17
Mishawaka Marian 13

Whiting 7
West Central 6

Lake Suburban

Griffith 39, Calumet 20 — At Calumet Twp., Pat Murdock scored three touchdowns for Griffith (3-2, 2-2) in this Lake Suburban Conference game.

Murdock scored on runs of 9, 20 and 3 yards. Teammate Troy Toweson ran 15 times for 115 yards, including a 30-yard touchdown run. Griffith quarterback Brad Steapleton completed just two passes, but both went for touchdowns to Joe Sainato.

For Calumet (2-3, 0-3), George Montgomery ran 17 times for 112 yards, one a 31-yard touchdown run. He also ran for a two-point conversion, had two kickoff returns for 63 yards and threw a 23-yard scoring pass to Bill Priller.

Griffith's Troy Toweson ran 15 times for 115 yards and a 30-yard touchdown.

Griffith	7	20	12	0-39
Calumet	12	0	0	8-20

SCORING

G — Sainato 57 pass from Steapleton (Phillips kick)
C — Priller 28 pass from Johnson (kick failed)

C — Montgomery 31 run (kick failed)
G — Murdock 9 run (Phillips kick)
G — Murdock 20 run (Phillips kick)
G — Sainato 13 pass from Steapleton (kick failed)

G — Toweson 30 run (kick failed)
G — Murdock 3 run (kick failed)
C — Priller 23 pass from Montgomery (Montgomery run)

STATISTICS

	G	C
First downs.....	6	11
Yards rushing.....	203	146
Yards passing.....	70	155
Passes.....	2-6	8-19
Intercepted by.....	3	0
Punts — Avg. yards ..	3-34	3-28
Fumbles — lost.....	3-1	2-2
Penalties — yards.....	3-25	8-73

Griffith 39

Calumet 20

CALUMET TWP. — Running back George Montgomery turned in a strong effort but was unable to prevent Calumet's loss.

Montgomery led the way for the Warriors in a losing effort by gaining 123 yards rushing, 25 receiving and 63 on kickoff returns.

The contest certainly didn't lack offense as the two teams combined for 574 yards in total offense.

Griffith (3-2, 2-2 Lake Suburban Conference) got on the board first on a long pass from Brad Steapleton to Joe Sainato.

Calumet (2-3, 0-3 in Lake Suburban Conference) took the lead late in the first quarter on a Troy Johnson 28-yard toss to Bill Priller. That's when Montgomery worked his magic, running 31 yards for a score and a 12-7 first-quarter lead

GRIFFITH	CALUMET
203	Net Yards Rushing 146
70	Net Yards Passing 155
273	Total Yards Gained 301
6	First Downs 11
6/2	Passes Attempted/Completed 19/8
0	Passes Had Intercepted 3
4/34	Punts/Average Length 3/28
3/25	Penalties/Yards Penalized 8/73
3/3	Fumbles/Fumbles Lost 3/3

GRIFFITH	CALUMET
	7 20 12 0-39
	12 0 0 8-20

INDIVIDUAL SCORING

G — Joe Sainato, 57 pass from Brad Steapleton (Brian Phillips kick)
C — Bill Priller, 28 pass from Troy Johnson (kick failed)
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C — Priller 23 pass from Montgomery (Montgomery run)



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Munster still on top

by R. W. Hugus
Sports Writer

In Class 5A, Munster entered this weekend ranked number four, and did nothing to damage that ranking as they defeated Mishawaka Marian in Mishawaka. In other games this past Friday, Lake Central rolled over Highland,

Griffith came from behind to beat Calumet, and Bishop Noll fell to Hammond Clark.

Gary Eldridge returned to play this Friday after being hurt three weeks ago, and carried the ball 22 times for 178 yards as the Mustangs beat Mishawaka 17-13 to run their record to 5-0. Eldridge's

scores came on runs of five and 52 yards. Also getting into the scoring column was Mike Ulinski on two extra points, and a 43-yard field goal. Munster won the game on the ground as they rushed for 251 of their total of 308 yards.

Lake Central jumped out to a 12-0 lead, and went on to beat Highland 34-6 in a Lake Suburban Conference game. The Indians got out of the gate in the first quarter when Mark Evans scored on a one-yard run. In the second quarter the Indians struck again when Varrone Vann picked off a Trojan's pass and 35 yards to score. Highland came back to narrow the score to 12-6 before the half on a 35-yard pass play from Brian Guzek to Jason Evans. All the scoring in the second half belonged to Lake Central as they struck on a 31-yard pass play from Evans to Paul D'Angelo, a 41-yard run by Jim Phillips, and a 25-yard run by Pat Velligan. Steve Smith added two extra points, while Wallace scored on a two-point conversion pass from Evans. On defense the Indians held Highland to only 109 total yards, while intercepting three passes.

Griffith fell behind Calumet 12-7 in the first quarter, but roared back in the final three periods to win 39-20 in a LSC contest. The first Panther score came in the opening quarter on a 57-yard pass play from Brad Steapleton to Joe Sainato. The combination of Steapleton to Sainato worked again in the second quarter as the two hooked up again on a 13-yard scoring pass. In between the Panthers scored on two touchdown runs of nine and 20 yards by Pat Murdock. Murdock also scored on a three-yard run, Troy Toweson on a 30-yard run, and Brian Phillips added three extra points. The Panther defense played their role also as they intercepted three passes and recovered three fumbles.

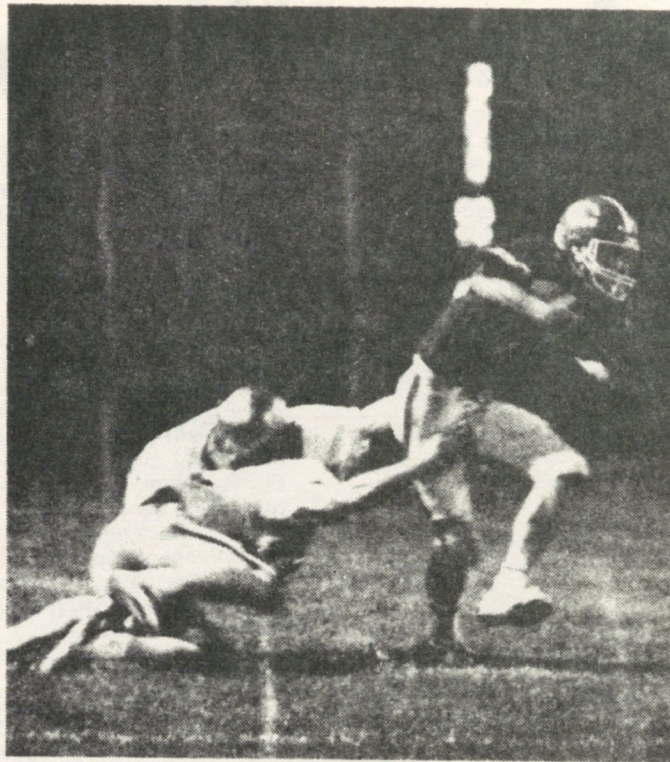
Despite three touchdowns by Rusty Setzer, Bishop Noll fell to Hammond Clark 26-23. Setzer had touchdown runs of 77, nine and 25 yards in the upset loss. Also getting on the board for Noll were Brian Keil-

man on an extra point, and Jim Bradtke on a two-point conversion. The Warriors were hampered by six fumbles of which they lost three, and two pass interceptions.

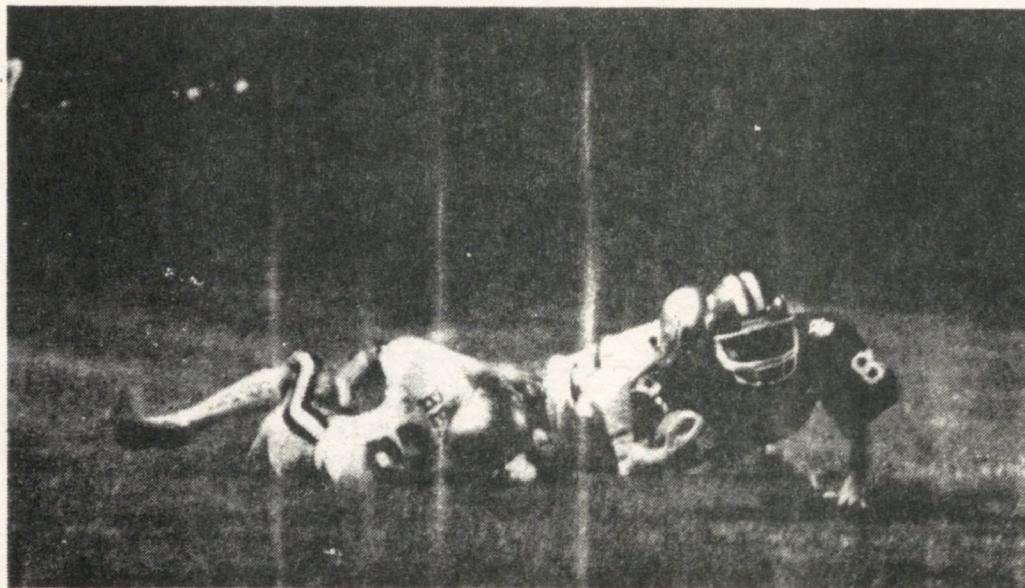
Lake Suburban Conference standings now show Crown Point ahead of the pack with a 4-0 record followed by Munster 3-0, Lake Central 2-1, Griffith 2-2, Highland 1-3, Lowell and Calumet 0-3.

This week's schedule features the big game of the LSC as on Friday night Munster will play at Crown Point to determine who will probably be the conference champion. In other games, Griffith will be at Lake Central, Highland will entertain Kankakee Valley, and Bishop Noll will host Hammond Gavit.

Troy Toweson (G) is still the area's scoring leader with 44 points, but Rusty Setzer (BN) is coming on fast with a total of 42. They are followed by Mark Evans (LC) and Pat Murdock (G) 24, Jason Evans (H) 21 and Brian Phillips (G) 21.

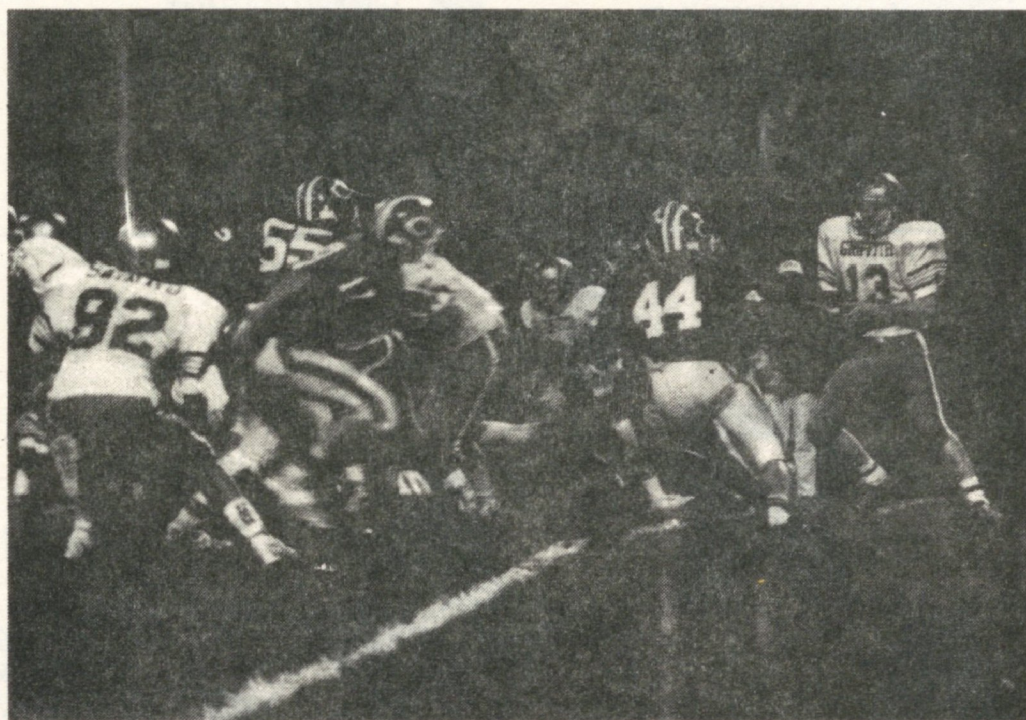


Rick Benjamin of Griffith and an unidentified Griffith defender get a hold of a Warrior to take him down for the final result.





Griffith defenders apply the crunch to a Warrior running back.



LOCAL INDIANA FOOTBALL PAIRINGS

CLASS 5A Sectional 1

East Chicago Central at Highland
Lew Wallace at Lake Central
Crown Point at Gary Roosevelt
Merrillville at West Side

Sectional 2

South Bend Adams at Chesterton
LaPorte at Portage
Michigan City Rogers vs. Valparaiso
Mishawaka at South Bend Riley

CLASS 4A Sectional 9

Griffith at Andrean
Munster at Horace Mann
Hammond at Bishop Noll
Lowell at Morton

Sectional 10

Michigan City Elston at Hobart
South Bend Washington at South Bend
LaSalle

Kankakee Valley at Wirt
South Bend Clay at South Bend St.
Joseph's

CLASS 3A Sectional 17

Northridge at New Prairie
Benton Central at Gavit
NorthWood at Clark
Plymouth at Calumet

CLASS 2A Sectional 25

River Forest at North Judson
Knox at Rensselaer
North Newton at LaVille
Glenn at Lake Station

CLASS 1A Sectional 33

Culver at Winamac
Triton at West Central
Whiting at Bremen
South Central, bye

L A C E N T R A L



Local football**Friday's scores****DUNELAND**

Hobart 28

Portage 0

Valparaiso 7

LaPorte 3

M.C. Rogers 14

Chesterton 7

LAKE SUBURBAN

Crown Point 7

Munster 3

Lake Central 32

Griffith 30

Lowell 35

Calumet 8

NORTHWESTERN

Gary Wallace 14

Gary Wirt 6

Gary Mann 18

Gary West 6

LAKE SHORE

Hammond Morton ... 26

Hammond Clark 6

Hammond Noll 48

Hammond Gavit 0

NW HOOSIER

North Newton 32

Lake Station 0

Rensselaer 32

River Forest 18

NONCONFERENCE

Andrean 6

Merrillville 0

Hammond 18

East Chicago 0

Highland 41

Kankakee Valley 8

Culver 12

Whiting 0

Indians overcome errors, Panthers

By BOB ESENBERG

Times Correspondent

ST. JOHN — Lake Central overcame the wintry elements and their own mistakes Friday night to closely shave Griffith, 32-30.

Senior quarterback Mark Evans of Lake Central defied the wind, completing seven of 24 passes for 227 yards and two touchdowns to Paul D'Angelo for 15 and 65 yards.

Reserve quarterback Wayne Collins came off the bench to toss a 47-yard touchdown pass to Kevin Nolbertowicz, when Evans was injured in the fourth quarter. Nolbertowicz's touchdown came on a dazzling reception of a deflected toss.

Despite the aerial show and the running of Fred Smack (20 carries for 121 yards), the Indians led only 7-6 at the half. Only a fumbled snap on a Panther extra-point attempt kept the score from being tied. The wind was definitely a factor in that one.

Turnovers stopped Lake Central from building a larger lead. Three of its first six drives were stopped by Griffith interceptions. The Panthers were bending but they wouldn't break.

Griffith scored its first touchdown after Pat Murdock intercepted an Evans pass on the Indians 27-yard

line. Murdock, playing quarterback for the slightly injured Brad Steapleton, sprinted around the left end for a three-yard score.

The Indians came out on the war-path in second half. Nolbertowicz ran the kickoff back 67 yards to the Panther 8-yard line. He later scored his second touchdown.

Lake Central's swarming defense, which held Griffith to just 89 total yards in the first half, continued to sparkle in third quarter.

Griffith capitalized on two more Lake Central turnovers to keep the game close. They tied it at 14-14 on their first of three two-point conversions, and only trailed 20-14 going into the last quarter.

Interceptions and fumbles almost turned the game over to the Panthers in that period. A suddenly inspired passing attack (7-for-12) almost pulled it out.

Ironically, a blocked punt on their own 22-yard line led to their demise. Dave Arndt, who had been fielding high snaps flawlessly all night, received a good one, only to have the line cave in at a crucial time. Lake Central scored to go ahead 32-22.

Griffith's offense drove the length of the field to close within 32-28. Their last two-point conversion made it 32-30 before the clock ran out on them.

Sunday, October 4, 1987

Bulldogs take over LSC lead

by R. W. Hugus
Sports Writer

Lake Central 32, Griffith 30 — At St. John, Kevin Nolbertowicz scored three touchdowns and Mark Evans passed for 217 yards as the Indians (3-3, 3-1) nipped Griffith (3-3, 2-3) in a Lake Suburban Conference thriller Friday night.

Nolbertowicz' final TD came on a two-yard run with 3:34 left in the game to give LC a 32-22 lead.

Griffith scored with :31 showing as Troy Toweson bolted across from the 2 for his second TD of the game. Quarterback Brad Steapleton ran in the two-point conversion.

Griffith then tried an on-side kick, but Lake Central recovered.

LC's Fred Smack led all rushers with 118 net yards in 20 carries. Dave Arndt of Griffith ran 14 times for 69 yards and one TD.

The Panthers' intercepted four passes, with Rick Benjamin returning one 63 yards to the LC 1. That set up a Toweson TD.

Evans completed 7 of 23 passes. He missed one play with an injury and was replaced by Wayne Collins, who promptly threw a 46-yard scoring pass to Nolbertowicz.

Griffith 0 6 8 16—31
Lake Central 0 7 13 12—32

SCORING

LC — D'Angelo 15 pass from Evans (S. Smith kick)

G — Murdock 3 run (kick failed)

LC — Nolbertowicz 3 run (Smith kick)

G — Arndt 5 run (Tucker pass from Steapleton)

LC — D'Angelo 65 pass from Evans (kick blocked)

LC — Nolbertowicz 46 pass from Collins (pass failed)

G — Toweson 1 run (Salnato pass from Steapleton)

LC — Nolbertowicz 2 run (pass failed)

G — Toweson 2 run (Steapleton run)

STATISTICS

	G	LC
First downs.....	10	13
Yards rushing.....	117	113
Yards passing.....	98	263
Passes.....	8-20	8-24
Intercepted by.....	4	2
Punts — Avg. yards....	7-34.8	1-39
Fumbles — lost.....	1-1	2-2
Penalties — yards.....	4-31	7-61

The Area — By virtue of their big Lake Suburban Conference win over Munster Friday night, Crown Point took over first place in league play.

In other games Friday night, Lake Central escaped Griffith in another league game, while Highland hammered Kankakee Valley in a non-conference game. In the Lake Shore Conference, Bishop Noll rolled over Hammond Gavit.

All of the scoring was done in the first half as Crown Point beat Munster, 7-3. The Mustangs were first on the board in the opening quarter as they scored on a 26-yard field goal by Mike Ulinski. The Bulldogs then scored the only touchdown of the game in the second quarter after a Mustang fumble set up the play.

The Munster defense was tough all night as they held Crown Point to just 49 yards rushing, a total of 132 yards, and intercepted a pass.

In a high scoring game, Lake Central out-last-ed Griffith 32-30. The Indians grabbed the lead in the second quarter on a 15-yard pass play from Mark Evans to Paul D'Angelo, and after Steve Smith's extra point never trailed. D'Angelo scored again on a 65-yard pass play from Evans, while Kevin Nolbertowicz hit the end zone three times on a three-yard run, on a 65-yard pass play from Wayne Collins, and on a two-yard run.

In their comeback effort, the Panthers got two touchdowns from Troy Toweson on runs of one and two yards, a three-yard td run from Pat Murdock, and a five-yard run by Mark Arndt. Scoring on two-point conversions were Derek Tucker, and Brad Steapleton.

Even though they went a little flat in the second quarter, Highland had little trouble

with Kankakee Valley winning 41-8. The Trojans, who rushed for 248 yards, were led by Mike Stuckert, who scored touchdowns on a 14-yard run, a 41-yard run, and a 44-yard punt return. Also scoring for Highland were Tom Homco on an 11-yard run, Tony Gross on a 90-yard kick-off return to open the second half, and Tony Gillless on a six-yard pass from Brian Guzek. Tim Pae added five extra points.

Playing only two quarters, Rusty Setzer still put some big numbers on the board as Bishop Noll ran up 42 points in the first half, and went on to win 49-0 over Hammond Gavit. Setzer carried the ball 15 times for 185 yards, and touchdowns of two, 36, and 10-yards. Also scoring for the Warriors were Kevin Ferry on a one-yard, Dan Mathews on a 10-yard run, Paul Hubbard on a 65-yard punt return, Robby Celestin on an eight-yard run, Brian Keilman on six extra points, and Mike Jucik on an extra point. On defense Noll held Gavit to only three first downs, and only 66 total yards.

Lake Suburban Conference standings show Crown Point in the lead with a 5-0 record followed by Munster and Lake Central 3-1, Griffith 2-3, Highland and Lowell 1-3, and Calumet 0-4.

This week's schedule shows in the Lake Shore Conference Bishop Noll will be at Hammond Morton. In the Lake Suburban Conference Munster will be at Calumet, Highland at Griffith, and Lake Central at Lowell.

After scoring three td's Friday night Rusty Setzer (BN) took over the area's scoring lead with 60 points followed by Troy Toweson (G) 56, Mike Stuckert (H), Paul D'Angelo (LC), and Pat Murdock (G) 30, Mark Evans (LC) and Kevin Nolbertowicz (LC) 24, and Jason Evans (H) 21.



Photo by Denys DePriest

Harry Sulek (69) clears the way around end for Lake Central's Fred Smack (33) in the 32-30 win against Griffith.

Football

HIGH SCHOOL CONFERENCE STANDINGS

NORTHWESTERN CONFERENCE

	CONF. ALL				PF	PA
	W	L	W	L		
Gary Roosevelt Panthers	3	0	5	0	126	58
Gary Wallace Hornets	2	1	4	2	103	86
Gary Wirt Troopers	2	2	2	4	36	91
Gary Mann Horsemen	1	2	1	5	72	110
Gary West Cougars	0	3	0	6	45	100

DUNELAND CONFERENCE

	CONF. ALL				PF	PA
	W	L	W	L		
Hobart Brickies	4	0	6	0	132	38
Valparaiso Vikings	4	1	4	2	78	80
M.C. Rogers Raiders	2	2	3	3	108	89
LaPorte Slicers	1	2	3	3	83	56
Portage Indians	1	3	3	3	78	86
Merrillville Pirates	1	3	1	5	35	65
Chesterton Trojans	0	4	2	4	37	98

LAKE SUBURBAN CONFERENCE

	CONF. ALL				PF	PA
	W	L	W	L		
Crown Point Bulldogs	5	0	6	0	174	50
Munster Mustangs	3	1	5	1	91	42
Lake Central Indians	3	1	3	3	114	110
Griffith Panthers	2	3	3	3	147	186
Highland Trojans	1	3	2	4	107	93
Calumet Warriors	0	4	2	4	66	158
Lowell Red Devils	1	3	2	4	125	164

LAKE SHORE CONFERENCE

	CONF. ALL				PF	PA
	W	L	W	L		
Hammond Morton Governors ..	2	0	5	1	87	33
Hammond Clark Pioneers	2	1	4	2	145	56
Hammond Wildcats	1	1	5	1	121	47
Hammond Noll Warriors	1	1	4	2	131	70
Hammond Gavit Gladiators	0	4	0	6	12	284

NORTHWEST HOOSIER CONFERENCE

	CONF. ALL				PF	PA
	W	L	W	L		
North Newton Spartans	4	1	5	1	159	30
North Judson Bluejays	3	1	4	2	84	49
Rensselaer Bombers	3	2	4	2	104	65
Kankakee Valley Kougars	2	2	3	3	108	123
River Forest Ingots	1	3	3	3	99	97
Lake Station Eagles	0	4	1	5	25	122

INDEPENDENTS

	ALL				PF	PA
	W	L	W	L		
Andrean 59ers	4	2			122	58
E.C. Central Cardinals	1	5			90	92
Whiting Oilers	1	5			7	146

Area scoring leaders

(After six games)

	TD	PAT	TP
Young (Crown Point) 14	0		84
Harris (Roosevelt) 12	0		72
c-Setzer (Noll) 10	0		62
Doyle (N. Newton) 10	0		60
c-Towson (Griffith) 9	0		56
Krzon (Clark) 9	0		54
c-McGruder (Ham.) 8	0		52
c-Davisson (Rens.) 8	0		50
Wesley (Calumet) 7	0		42
Wilson (M.C. Rogers) 7	0		42

c-includes two-point conversion

HIGHLAND



HIGH SCHOOL CONFERENCE STANDINGS

c-1987 Conference champion

NORTHWESTERN CONFERENCE

	CONF.		ALL			
	W	L	W	L	PF	PA
c-Gary Roosevelt Panthers.....	4	0	6	0	152	64
Gary Wallace Hornets.....	3	1	5	2	125	92
Gary Wirt Troopers.....	2	2	2	5	36	132
Gary Mann Horsemen.....	1	3	1	6	78	132
Gary West Cougars.....	0	4	0	7	45	126

DUNELAND CONFERENCE

	CONF.		ALL			
	W	L	W	L	PF	PA
c-Hobart Brickies.....	5	0	7	0	156	52
Valparaiso Vikings.....	4	2	4	3	95	84
M.C. Rogers Raiders.....	3	2	4	3	129	89
Portage Indians.....	2	3	4	3	102	103
LaPorte Slicers.....	1	3	3	4	63	77
Merrillville Pirates.....	1	4	1	6	49	89
Chesterton Trojans.....	0	4	2	5	44	125

LAKE SUBURBAN CONFERENCE

	CONF.		ALL			
	W	L	W	L	PF	PA
Crown Point Bulldogs.....	5	0	7	0	226	70
Munster Mustangs.....	4	1	6	1	124	48
Lake Central Indians.....	4	1	4	3	149	110
Highland Trojans.....	2	3	3	4	136	93
Griffith Panthers.....	2	4	3	4	147	195
Lowell Red Devils.....	1	4	2	5	125	199
Calumet Warriors.....	0	5	2	5	72	191

LAKE SHORE CONFERENCE

	CONF.		ALL			
	W	L	W	L	PF	PA
Hammond Morton Governors..	3	0	6	1	115	39
Hammond Wildcats.....	2	1	6	1	154	47
Hammond Clark Pioneers.....	2	2	4	3	145	89
Hammond Noll Warriors.....	1	2	4	3	137	98
Hammond Gavit Gladiators.....	0	4	1	6	19	290

NORTHWEST HOOSIER CONFERENCE

	CONF.		ALL			
	W	L	W	L	PF	PA
c-North Newton Spartans.....	4	1	6	1	184	37
Rensselaer Bombers.....	3	2	4	3	111	93
Kankakee Valley Kougars.....	3	2	4	3	129	123
North Judson Bluejays.....	3	2	4	3	96	69
River Forest Ingots.....	2	3	4	3	119	109
Lake Station Eagles.....	0	5	1	6	25	143

INDEPENDENTS

	ALL			
	W	L	PF	PA
Andrean 59ers.....	5	2	149	65
E.C. Central Cardinals.....	1	6	110	144
Whiting Oilers.....	1	6	13	153

by Brian Kretz

Rivalry - competition; effort to obtain something another person wants. What do we want from Highland? We want to beat them every time we play them, that's what we want. But don't we want to beat everyone, everytime? What makes us want to beat rivals more than other schools?

It all started a number of years ago when Highland High

GHS vs. HHS

Bad

Blood

Runs

Deep

School was built, and Highland residents who attended Griffith left for their new school. A rivalry was soon formed. Griffith wanted to beat their old friends and Highland wanted to beat their sister-school. But after a period of time, Highland didn't consider us as big a rival anymore. They turned to a bigger school, Munster. So, why do we consider them a rival still? "They think they're a lot better than we are and I've never been on a team that has beaten Highland; not in football, swimming, or track," said senior Ken Herd. Senior Dave Arndt added, "Because they're in our conference and we hardly beat them in anything. We always have to work hard just to beat them."

Highland's Head Football Coach Dave Shelbourne

still considers Griffith a rival because of the conference play and the close location of the two schools.

The last time Griffith tried to beat Highland at a Homecoming game was in 1986. Highland won by a score of 9-8. Griffith was driving in the fourth quarter and as Head Football Coach Les Thornton put it, "We felt they couldn't stop us," but Highland received a break as Griffith fumbled the ball and ended a chance to win.

**You may be #52, but
you're #1 with me.
GoGet 'em Earl!!!
Love, Tammy**

Good Luck Ryan #11
We're proud of you.
**Love, Mom, Jim
and Justin**

Mike Wlazlo #34
We are proud of your persistence.
Good luck in everything you do.
Love, Mom and Dad

To Greg Row
Thanks for a great season.
Your proud parents,
Dennis and Tery Willis

Good Luck Mike
We're Proud of You
Love Mom, Dad.
Alicia & Patrick

Good Luck Rick
We're Proud of You
Love Mom, Dad & Robby

Good Luck Michael
Love Mom & Dad

Good Luck #13 & #22
Love Mom & Dad

Good Luck Brian
Love Mom & Dad

Good Luck Steve
Do your best
Love your proud parents

Beat Highland
Good Luck Earl
**Love Mom, Dad
& Brothers**

Good Luck Tim
You've Made Us Proud
**Love Mom, Dad,
Brian & Lisa**

Good Luck Griffith
Go #46 Love, Mom & Dad

Good Luck Joe
Love Grandma & Grandpa
Mom & Dad
Mike & Marlan

Good Luck Jason
We love you and are real
proud of you. Love, Mom,
Dad, and Stephanie

Good Luck Troy
You've made us proud
Love, Mom

Go Panthers Go
Good Luck Jeff #32
Love Mom, Dad & Kim

To Branko
To my favorite son
you have made us proud
We love you, Mom

Good Luck
Michael #40
Love, Mom

Good Luck Brett
& The Team
Love Mom & Dad

P ositive
A ttitude
T riumphs

Good Luck #12
Mom, Dad and Jerry

Good Luck Eugene
Love Mom and Dad

Good Luck Doug Keen
Love Mom & Dad

Hi Kenny!
Love Ya Mom & Dad

Love Ya little brother
Beth

Go For It Phil
You Big Moose
Love Chris-N-Shelley

Good Luck Joe
Love, Mom & Dad

Good Luck John
Love Mom, Dad, Mark,
Brian & Beth

Good Luck Jonn
Love, Mom & Dad

Good Luck
Derek
Love, Mom and Dad

Good Luck Chuck
Love, Mom, Dad and Mark

Good Luck Mike
Beat those Trojans
Love, Mom, Dad and Dana



**Homecoming
Boosters**

**Good Luck
Panthers**

**from
Jim and
Carl's**

Because of all the events going on during Homecoming Week, it might be easy for a player to get distracted and not concentrate more on the game. "I think all the activities certainly keep the kids' heads filled, but I don't think it gets their mind off the game. I think they're emotionally ready to play the game," explained Thornton. Seniors Dave Arndt and Pat Murdock shared similar ideas in that it helps psyche the team up and that the students are backing the team more because of Homecoming. "Homecoming is more exciting, but you play the way you practice," said senior Ken Herd.

Even though Highland has had its troubles this year, the players are expecting a tough game. "They're always tough and they'll be looking to spoil our Homecoming so we have to try harder," explained Murdock. "It's always a good football game and our players will more than likely try to spoil the Homecoming. Both teams are well disciplined and have a lot of respect for each other. You'll probably see some good hitting out there," said Highland's Coach Dave Shelbourne. Senior Dave Arndt also added, "I feel a lot of pressure of what they did to us two years ago. I want to try harder out there just because they're Highland."

What Dave Arndt wants more than anything this Homecoming is to beat Highland badly. This is probably the wish of all the seniors as they enter their last football game against Highland.

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Football team needs victory

by Dave Harretos

Despite a disappointing 2-4 record and 1-3 in the Lake Suburban Conference, Highland should be a tough test for the Panthers (3-3) in tonight's homecoming football contest. "Although they are having a somewhat disappointing season, as they were picked to do well this season, they have played a tough schedule and have lost some close ball games (10-7 to No. four ranked Munster in overtime)," said Head Coach Les Thornton. In order for Griffith to have a chance, according to Thornton, the Panther's defense will really have to play well. "Our defense has really been a disappointment so far this year and in order for us to beat Highland, we will need to contain their outstanding running game." The running game Coach Thornton is talking about is a good one indeed, as Highland returns their top three rushers: Mike Stuckert, who rushed for nearly 1,000 yards a year ago; Tom Homco, who had over 300 last year; and Jason Evans, who Thornton describes as "a very strong runner." Highland's weak spot is at quarterback where they start a freshman with only a few games of varsity experience.

Last Friday the Panthers lost a hard fought game to Lake Central by the score of 32-30. Again the Panthers' downfall was in the play of the defense as Lake Central Quarterback Mark Evans threw for 227 yards and Running Back Fred Smach rushed for 121 yards. The Panthers stayed in the game mostly because of three key interceptions made by senior Pat Murdock, junior Troy Toweson and sophomore Joe Sainato. Griffith touchdowns were spread out as

Murdock had one; senior Dave Arndt had one; Toweson one; and junior Brad Steapleton, one. On

September 25 the Panthers spoiled Calumet's homecoming with a decisive 39-20 romp over the Warriors. The game turned out to be the "Joe Sainato Show" as the quickly improving sophomore scored two touchdowns on pass receptions and contributed two interceptions on defense. Also scoring for Griffith was Pat Murdock, who was coming off an injury that sidelined him against C.P., with three touchdowns and Troy Toweson with one. On Sept. 18 the Panthers were drilled by No. 4 Crown Point by the score of 49-9. Toweson scored the lone Panther touchdown on a six-yard run and junior Brian Phillips added a field goal to finish the scoring.

When asked if there were any pleasant surprises this year Thornton commented, "Troy Toweson is better than anyone expected. Sean Farley didn't even play last year and is now in our line-up. Joe Sainato is doing an excellent job on offense as well as defense. Junior Branko Steponovich has come a long way." Thornton also is pleased with the way Pat Murdock is playing after a slow start and injuries that have slowed him. Juniors Brett Zabek and Derek Tucker have also played well recently according to Thornton.

Last Wednesday the sectional drawing was held and the Panthers drew Andrean which will be played Oct. 23 at Andrean. If the Panthers were to defeat Andrean they would then host No. 4 Munster who defeated the Panthers 27-15 earlier this season. Coach Thornton had this to say about the draw, "It's a real tough draw but there's nothing you can do about it."

FUNKY WINKERBEAN



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The 1987 Homecoming Court consists of Jamie Budack, Mary Jane Grubech, Tiffany Griffie, Tina Felski, Tammy Childers; back row, Ray Jajowka, Brian Kretz, Chris Karp, and Ken Herd. Not pictured, Craig Gall.

Highland blanks Griffith

THE TIMES

Local football

Friday's scores

DUNELAND

Hobart	24
Merrillville	14
Portage	24
Valparaiso	17
M.C. Rogers	21
LaPorte	0

LAKE SUBURBAN

Munster	33
Calumet	8
Highland	29
Griffith	0

Lake Central	35
Lowell	0

NORTHWESTERN

Gary Roosevelt	26
Gary West	0
Gary Wallace	22
Gary Mann	6

LAKE SHORE

Hammond Morton	28
Hammond Noll	6
Hammond	33
Hammond Clark	0

NW HOOSIER

Kankakee Valley	21
Lake Station	0
River Forest	20
North Judson	12

NONCONFERENCE

Andean	27
Chesterton	7
Crown Point	52
East Chicago	20
S.B. St. Joseph's	41
Gary Wirt	0
North Newton	25
Mishawaka Marian	7
Hammond Gavitt	7
Whiting	6
Lafayette Harrison	28
Rensselaer	7

By Bob Esenberg
Times Correspondent

GRIFFITH — Highland used old fashioned power football and a stifling defense to spoil Griffith's homecoming Friday night, 29-0.

Mike Stuckert, the Trojans' senior tailback, led the march. He carried the ball 24 times for 142 yards and scored on touchdown runs of 43 and 10 yards. He also scored on a pair of two-point conversions.

Highland's defense smothered the Panther attack all night. They held Griffith (3-4, 2-4) to 37 total yards and just six first downs. Two of them came on Trojan penalties.

Meanwhile, Stuckert, Jason Evans (6 carries, 36 yards), and Tom Homco (6 carries, 31 yards) continually charged into the middle of a hard-hitting Panther defense. When the dust had finally settled, the Trojans had trekked 277 bruising yards.

The Trojans (3-4, 2-3) scored on their first possession. Stuckert raced 43 yards for a touchdown around right tackle. The two-play drive covered 44 yards. Tim Pae's kick was wide.

Highland scored again after Panther punter Gujko Cucuz made a great play on a bad snap. His desperation kick went only seven yards, however.

Homco scored on a 12-yard pop off left tackle. The senior tailback, recovering from an early season injury, made a terrific move to break free at the line of scrimmage.

Stuckert's first two-point conversion made it 14-0 at the end of the first quarter.

Griffith's Pat Murdock (8 carries, 25 yards) put the Panthers' ground game on the prowl in the second quarter. He nearly broke for touchdown on consecutive runs of 18 and four yards. Each time he was stopped on diving tackles by Tony Gross, the Trojan senior safety.

Highland used more power football to control the clock in the second half. Griffith had the ball only once in the third quarter, but still trailed only 14-0.

Fumbles (5 in the game, 26 in 7 games) and mistakes ground the Griffith offense to a halt in the sec-

ond half. A bad snap over punter Cucuz's head led to Stuckert's second touchdown.

Pae followed Homco's interception with a 34 yard first up the middle for a touchdown. His kick concluded the scoring at 29-0.

Early season injuries, leading to close losses to Crown Point and Munster (in overtime), have helped make Highland's record misleading. If they keep getting healthy, they could power their way to a playoff victory or victories.

HIGHLAND		GRIFFITH
261	Net Yards Rushing	1
29	Net Yards Passing	36
290	Total Yards Gained	37
11	First Downs	6
6/2	Passes Attempted/Completed	22/8
1	Passes Had Intercepted	2
4/33.5	Punts/Average Length	6/31.2
7/60	Penalties/Yards Penalized	3/30
0/0	Fumbles/Fumbles Lost	4/2
SCORING BY QUARTERS		
HIGHLAND	14	0 0 15-29
GRIFFITH	0	0 0 0-0
INDIVIDUAL SCORING		
H — Mike Stuckert, 43 run (kick failed)		
H — Tom Homco, 12 run (Stuckert run)		
H — Stuckert, 10 run (Stuckert run)		
H — Tim Pae, 34 run (Pae kick)		
OFFICIALS		
Bob Marcinek, Warren Benko, Bob Carnagey, Bob Gootee		

Post-Tribune: Saturday, October 10, 1987

Highland 29, Griffith 0 — At Griffith, tailback Mike Stuckert scored two touchdowns and had a pair of two-point conversions as Highland (3-4, 2-3) held its Lake Suburban Conference foe to one yard rushing.

Griffith (3-4, 2-4) was outgained 290-37 in total yardage.

Fullback-punter Dave Arndt was injured during the Panthers' first offensive series and did not return.

Stuckert rushed 26 times for 140 yards. Teammate Doug Berger helped keep Griffith in a hole by punting for a 33.5 average.

Highland	14	0	0	15-29
Griffith	0	0	0	0-0

SCORING				
H — Stuckert	43 run (kick failed)			
H — Homco	12 run (Stuckert run)			
H — Stuckert	10 run (Stuckert run)			
H — Pae	34 run (Pae kick)			

STATISTICS			
	HI		G
First downs.....	11		6
Yards rushing.....	261		1
Yards passing.....	29		36
Passes.....	2-6		8-22
Intercepted by	2		1
Punts — Avg. yards	4-33.5		6-31.2
Fumbles — lost.....	0-0		4-2
Penalties — yards.....	7-60		3-30

Munster, Highland, LC win

by R. W. Hugus
Sportswriter

Three area teams enjoyed big nights Friday. Munster had little trouble as they rolled over Calumet, Highland shut out Griffith, and Lake Central crushed Lowell. Bishop Noll didn't have as much fun as they lost to Hammond Morton.

Munster set the tone early as they scored 14 points in the first quarter and went on to beat Calumet 33-6. Jim Dryjanski started the Mustang scoring on a one yard run, and Mike Ulinski added his first of two extra points. Gary Eldridge was next on a one yard run, and then came back in the third quarter to score again on a five yard run. This time Brian Novotny added the extra point. Bill Paz and Kevin Trilli also scored touchdowns for Munster, Paz on a 20 yard pass play from Larry Wiley, and Trilli on a one yard run. The defense held Calumet to a total of 114 yards while intercepting a pass, and recovering two fumbles.

Highland also jumped out to a 14-0 first quarter lead as they beat Griffith 29-0. Mike Stuckert was the Trojans' leading

scorer as he scored touchdowns on runs of 43 and 10 yards, and also scored on two two-point conversions. Tom Homco also had a td run of 12 yards, while Tim Pae ran one in from 34 yards out, and kicked the extra point. The Highland defense completely shut down the Panther offense as the Panthers were able to manage only 37 total yards, one rushing, coughed up two fumbles, and had two passes intercepted. For the game Highland rushed for 261 yards, including 142 by Stuckert.

In a real mismatch, Lake Central scored 28 first half points, and went on to beat Lowell 35-0. Fred Smack scored two touchdowns on runs of 14 yards and one yard, while Kevin Nolbertowicz also scored twice on a one yard run, and a 55 yard pass play from Mark Evans. Evans also threw a 20 yard scoring pass to Wayne Collings, while Steve Smith booted three extra points. The Indians got a two-point conversion on a pass from Evans to Fick Flor-kiewicz. On defense, the Indians gave up only 99 total

yards, while intercepting five passes, and recovering two fumbles.

It was bad news for Bishop Noll Friday night as they fell to Hammond Morton 28-6. The Warriors didn't score until the fourth quarter on a 49 yard pass play from Kevin Ferry to David Olivencia, and Rusty Setzer couldn't run. Setzer was injured last week, and was limited to just two yards rushing in four carries.

Crown Point has a wrap on the Lake Suburban Conference. Going into the last week of regulation play the Bulldogs are 5-0, and will host winless Calumet this week. Lake Central and Munster are both 5-1, and will meet Friday night

at Munster. Highland is next in line at 2-3, Griffith 2-4, Lowell 1-4, and Calumet 0-5.

Despite not being able to score this past week, Rusty Setzer (BN) is still the area's leading scorer with 60 points followed by: Troy Toweson (G) 56, Mike Stuckert (H) 44, Kevin Nolbertowicz (LC) 36, Paul D'Angelo (BN) and Pat Murdock (G) 30, Mark Evans (LC) and Gary Eldridge (M) 24, and Jason Evans (H) and Tim Pae (H) 21.

The rest of this Friday's schedule has Highland hosting Lowell, Hammond High at Bishop Noll, and Griffith at Kankakee Valley.

Stuckert keys Highland shutout win at Griffith

By Mike Siroky

The most interesting thing about the re-introduction of the state football playoffs -- with all schools starting out even and the regular season having no merit on the draw -- is the way teams can approach their second season with renewed enthusiasm.

In seasons past, Highland and Griffith, at this point in the season, might well have been only playing out the string. But the Trojans have realigned their sights on the football playoffs only a few weeks away and thus use that for all the motivation they need.

Highland defused the emotion of Homecoming at Griffith Friday night and pounded out a 29-0 win. Losses to Crown Point and Munster (in overtime) had eliminated the Trojan from the Lake Suburban Conference race early this season. But Highland has won all its other conference games and so went to work on Griffith.

Senior tailback Mike Stuckert stuck it to Griffith with 142 yards on 24 carries, including two touchdowns and a pair of conversion carries.

He struck for 43 yards for the first score, on a basic play over right tackle. It was nothing fancy, just power football, and that set the tone for the contest.

Then the Highland defense began its domination. Griffith would only merit six first downs all evening, two of those on Highland penalties. In all, The Panthers gained a total of 37 yards. Highland allowed one rushing yard.

The defense harassed Highland so much so that only a fine recovery of a bad snap allowed any punt at all, following Griffith's first possession.

Punter Gujko Cucuz recovered the bad snap and hurried his punt, for seven yards. Highland took advantage of the field position and Tom Homco rammed in the second score, from 12 yards off. It was another simple off-tackle attempt, this time to the left, and it showed Homco has completely recovered from his early-season injuries. Homco would gain 31 yards on six tries as Highland would roll up 261 yards on the ground.

Stuckert ran for his first conversion after the Homco score and it was 14-0 in the first quarter.

Griffith twice threatened to break the Highland defense, each time on runs by Pat Murdock, but saving tackles by safety Tony Gross blunted both drives for Highland.

Highland played ball control in the third quarter. Neither team would score in the first period after intermission, but Griffith had only one possession in the quarter and thus had little opportunity to even things up.

As the statistics indicate, Highland's defense continued to dominate. Another bad snap was too high for Cucuz to handle and set up another scoring opportunity for Highland.

Stuckert cashed in with a run from the 10 and also ran in the conversion to make it 21-0.

Highland's Tim Pae had missed the opening conversion kick. He made up for that error with a touchdown run for the final score. Homco set it up with an interception. Pae ran right up the middle for 34 yards and then made the conversion kick to close the scoring.

Griffith was hurt early -- literally -- when full back/punter Dave Arndt was injured during the first drive and did not return.

Highland punter Doug Berger helped the defense by averaging 33.5 yards on his four punts, to keep Griffith pinned deep.



Photo by Denys DePriest

Griffith's Mike Anderson burst through the line to block a Highland kick.

KAN KAN VALLEY KEE



Local football

Friday's scores

DUNELAND

Hobart 35
M.C. Rogers 6

LaPorte 14
Merrillville 6

Portage 22
Chesterton 0

LAKE SUBURBAN

Crown Point 54
Calumet 8

Lake Central 31
Munster 7

Highland 54
Lowell 6

LAKE SHORE

Hammond Morton ... 35
Hammond Gavit 0

Hammond 28
Hammond Noll 22

NONCONFERENCE

Valparaiso 17
Gary Roosevelt 14

Andrean 13
Gary Wallace 7

East Chicago 22
Gary West 20

Kankakee (Ill.) 47
Gary Mann 6

Marian (Ill.) 19
Gary Wirt 6

Griffith 25
Kankakee Valley 0

Knox 9
North Judson 6

North Newton 58
South Newton 0

South Central 6
Lake Station 0

Rensselaer 27
Twin Lakes 6

Hammond Clark 46
Whiting 0

Post-Tribune:

Saturday, October 17, 1987

Griffith 25, Kankakee Valley 0
— At Wheatfield, Brad Steapleton passed for three touchdowns and a two-point conversion to lead Griffith to a shutout nonconference victory over the Kougars.

The Panthers (4-4) took a 15-0 lead in the first quarter when Steapleton threw TD passes to Mike Dorelli and Joe Sainato. He also completed a two-point conversion pass to Sean Farley.

Brian Phillips, who was 3 for 3 on extra points, kicked a 35-yard field goal in the second quarter and gave Griffith an 18-0 halftime lead over Kankakee Valley (4-4).

Sainato completed the scoring by catching a 72-yard TD pass from Steapleton in the fourth quarter.

Griffith	15	3	0	7-25
Kankakee Valley	0	0	0	0-0

SCORING

G — Dorelli 17 pass from Steapleton (Phillips kick)
G — Sainato 16 pass from Steapleton (Phillips kick)
G — FG Phillips 35
G — Sainato 72 pass from Steapleton (Phillips kick)

STATISTICS

	G	KV
First downs.....	15	3
Yards rushing.....	165	41
Yards passing.....	193	42
Passes.....	13-22	3-23
Intercepted by.....	3	0
Punts — Avg. yards....	4-29	7-35
Fumbles — lost.....	5-4	0-0
Penalties — yards.....	8-60	5-40

THE TIMES Saturday, October 17, 1987

Griffith 25

Kankakee Valley 0

WHEATFIELD — Brad Steapleton threw three touchdown passes as Griffith used a 15-point first period to post an easy victory over Kankakee Valley.

The Panthers defense held Kankakee Valley (4-4) to only 41 yards rushing and 83 yards total offense and had a commanding 18-0 lead by halftime.

Brian Phillips added a 35-yard field goal for Griffith (4-4).

Steapleton, who also tossed a two-point conversion pass to Sean Farley, threw touchdown passes of 16 and 72 yards to Joe Sainato and another for 17 yards to Mike Dorelli.

Griffith chalked up 358 yards total offense, including 193 yards passing.

GRIFFITH	KANKAKEE VALLEY	
165	Net Yards Rushing	41
193	Net Yards Passing	42
358	Total Yards Gained	83
15	First Downs	3
22/13	Passes Attempted/Completed	23/3
3	Passes Had Intercepted	0
4/29.0	Punts/Average Length	7/35.0
8/60	Penalties/Yards Penalized	5/40
5/4	Fumbles/Fumbles Lost	0/0

SCORING BY QUARTERS

GRIFFITH	15	3	0	7-25
KANKAKEE VALLEY	0	0	0	0-0

INDIVIDUAL SCORING

G — Mike Dorelli, 17 pass from Brad Steapleton (Brian Phillips kick)
G — Joe Sainato, 16 pass from Steapleton (Sean Farley 2 pass from Steapleton)
G — Phillips, 35 field goal
G — Sainato, 72 pass from Steapleton (Phillips kick)

OFFICIALS

Jim Vanderlin, Fred Baker, Howard Gauger, Ike Halaschak

LC surprises Munster

by R. W. Hugus
Sports Writer

There was little doubt that Crown Point would win the Lake Suburban Conference title Friday since they were hosting Calumet, but there was one surprise as Lake Cen-

tral did in Munster to grab second place in the conference. In other games Friday, Highland and Griffith had little trouble posting wins, and Bishop Noll fell to Hammond High.

Munster jumped out to a 7-0 lead in the first quarter, but it was all Lake Central after that as the Indians defeated the Mustangs 31-7. Gary Eldridge got the Mustangs on the board first with a 51 yard run, and Mike Ulinski added the extra point, but from then on there was no stopping the Indians.

Lake Central narrowed the score to 7-6 in the same period on a 21 yard pass play from Pat Velligan to Pete Gerike, and then took the lead for good in the second quarter on two, one yard touchdown runs by Mark Evans. The Indians capped off the scoring in the second half on two touchdown passes of seven and 25 yards from Evans to Wayne Collins.

Highland scored twice in the first two minutes of play, and went on to roll over Lowell 54-6. Tom Homco opened the Trojan scoring on a 42 yard run, and after a Tim Pae extra point held a 7-0 lead. On Lowell's second play of the game Tony Gross intercepted a pass, and scored on a 42 yard return. From then on the game was over as Highland scored on a 44 yard pass play from Brian Guzek to Tony Gilles, td runs of 19 and 20 yards by Jason Evans, a 10 yard run by Mike Stuckert, a 16 yard run by Pae, and a 10 yard run by Dave Milausnic. Evans also added three extra point attempts. For the game Highland rushed for 423 yards, and intercepted two passes.

Griffith put 15 points on the board in the first quarter and went on to beat Kankakee Valley 25-0. The Panther scoring started on a 17 yard pass play from Brad Steapleton to Mike Dorelli, and a two-point conversion pass from Steapleton to Sean Farley. Griffith again hit the board on a 16 yard pass play from Steapleton to Joe Sainato with Brian Phillips adding the extra point. In the second quarter Phillips added a 35 yard field goal, and then the Panthers closed out the scoring in the final period on a 72 yard pass play from Steapleton to Sainato.

For the game, Kankakee valley managed only three first downs, while the Panthers intercepted three passes.

Crown Point won the LSC with a 6-0 record followed by Lake Central 5-1, Munster 4-2, Highland 3-3, Griffith 2-4, Lowell 1-5, and Calumet 0-6.

Rusty Setzer is still the area's leading scorer. The senior from Noll had 60 points followed by Troy Toweson (G) 56, Mike Stuckert (H) 52, Jason Evans (H) 37, Mark Evans (LC) and Kevin Nolbertowicz (LC) 36, Paul D'Angelo (LC) Pat Murdock (G), and Gary Eldridge (M) 30, and Tim Pae (H) 28.

This Friday begins the second year of the new playoff

system where every team in the state gets to take a shot at a state championship within their own division. In Class 5A this Friday, East Chicago Central will play at Highland, while Lew Wallace will visit Lake Central. In Class 4A Griffith will travel to Andrean, Munster will be at Horace Mann, to be played at West Side, and Hammond High will play at Bishop Noll.

HIGH SCHOOL CONFERENCE STANDINGS

c-1987 Conference champion

NORTHWESTERN CONFERENCE

	CONF. ALL				PF	PA
	W	L	W	L		
c-Gary Roosevelt Panthers.....	4	0	6	1	166	81
Gary Wallace Hornets.....	3	1	5	3	132	105
Gary Wirt Troopers.....	2	2	2	6	42	151
Gary Mann Horsemen.....	1	3	1	7	84	179
Gary West Cougars.....	0	4	0	8	65	148

DUNELAND CONFERENCE

	CONF. ALL				PF	PA
	W	L	W	L		
c-Hobart Brickies.....	6	0	8	0	201	58
Valparaiso Vikings.....	4	2	5	3	112	98
Portage Indians.....	3	3	5	3	124	103
M.C. Rogers Raiders.....	3	3	4	4	135	124
LaPorte Slicers.....	3	3	4	4	77	83
Merrillville Pirates.....	1	5	1	7	55	103
Chesterton Trojans.....	1	5	2	6	44	147

LAKE SUBURBAN CONFERENCE

	CONF. ALL				PF	PA
	W	L	W	L		
c-Crown Point Bulldogs.....	6	0	8	0	280	78
Lake Central Indians.....	5	1	5	3	180	117
Munster Mustangs.....	4	2	6	2	131	79
Highland Trojans.....	3	3	4	4	190	99
Griffith Panthers.....	2	4	4	4	172	195
Lowell Red Devils.....	1	5	2	6	131	253
Calumet Warriors.....	0	6	2	6	80	245

LAKE SHORE CONFERENCE

	CONF. ALL				PF	PA
	W	L	W	L		
c-Hammond Morton Governors.....	4	0	7	1	150	39
Hammond Wildcats.....	3	1	7	1	182	69
Hammond Clark Pioneers.....	2	2	5	3	191	89
Hammond Noll Warriors.....	1	3	4	4	159	126
Hammond Gavit Gladiators.....	0	4	1	7	19	315

NORTHWEST HOOSIER CONFERENCE

	CONF. ALL				PF	PA
	W	L	W	L		
c-North Newton Spartans.....	4	1	7	1	242	37
Rensselaer Bombers.....	3	2	5	3	138	99
Kankakee Valley Kougars.....	3	2	4	4	129	148
North Judson Bluejays.....	3	2	4	4	102	78
River Forest Ingots.....	2	3	4	3	119	109
Lake Station Eagles.....	0	5	1	7	25	149

INDEPENDENTS

	ALL			
	W	L	PF	PA
Andrean 59ers.....	6	2	162	72
E.C. Central Cardinals.....	2	6	132	164
Whiting Oilers.....	1	7	13	199

Northwest Indiana scoring leaders

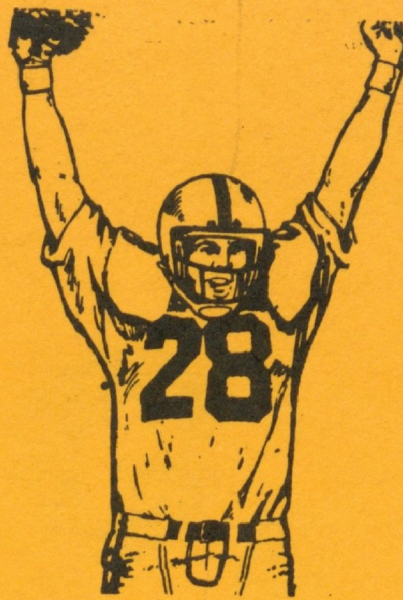
FINAL, 1987 REGULAR SEASON

PLAYER (SCHOOL)	TD	PAT	TP
John Young (Crown Point).....	18	0	108
Charles Harris (Roosevelt).....	16	0	96
Bernie Doyle (North Newton).....	14	0	84
c-Ed Krzan (Hammond Clark).....	13	0	80
c-Tony McGruder (Hammond).....	10	0	66
c-Rusty Sefzer (Hammond Noll)...	10	0	62
c-Craig Davisson (Rensselaer).....	9	0	58
c-Troy Toweson (Griffith).....	9	0	54
Chris Drobac (Hobart).....	9	0	54
c-Mike Stuckert (Highland).....	8	0	52

c — Includes two-point conversions.

PLAY OFFS





SECOND SEASON



Team prepares for sectionals

by Dave Harretos

Coming off a strong 25-0 regular season ending victory over Kankakee Valley, the Panthers, (4-4) must now gear up for tonight's sectional opener against a very strong Andrean 59er team at the 59er's field. According to Head Coach Les Thornton, Andrean rates among the favorites to win the sectional tournament. "Andrean has a 6-2 record and they almost beat No. 1 Hobart so they obviously have a good football team," stated Thornton. According to seniors Tim Greceovich and Ken Herd, the Panthers will have to have "improved line play, better tackling, and better pass defense" in order to pull off the upset. Some key individuals the Panthers will have to contain are junior running back Derrick Wesley, who rates among the best in the area, and the quarterback duo of Bob Lamere and Rob Weeks, who have alternated most of the season. The big

key to the game however, will be the play of the Panther defense, which has been adequate at best this season.

Last Friday, the inspired Panther defense shut down Kankakee Valley completely enroute to a 25-0 blanking. Scoring touchdowns for the victors were sophomore, Joe Sainato (2) and senior Dave Arndt. Junior quarterback Brad Steapleton completed 13-24 passes for an impressive 196 yards, along with three touchdown passes. Sainato and Steapleton hooked up twice, once on a 72 yard bomb. The Panther defense held K.V. to 83 yards and only 3 first downs. Junior Phil Katona added this about the game, "I think this was a good game to build on, heading into the sectionals."

"It looked to me like we were more aggressive on activities night than we were against Highland," said Thornton commenting on Highland's 29-0 thrashing over the Panthers on homecoming night. Senior Pat Murdock had this to say about the game, "I thought we

were ready but obviously we were not. This is a very big disappointment to me as this is my last homecoming to look back on." Highland scored on their second play from scrimmage and never looked back, as the Trojan defense proved to be too tough on the overmatched Panthers. Murdock led the ground game with a modest 25 yards on eight carries. However on two consecutive plays, he was one tackle away from breaking one for a touchdown.

The Panthers suffered a major blow in the first quarter, when senior linebacker-fullback Dave Arndt was injured and unable to return. According to Thornton, there were two things that contributed to the downfall "first Highland is a pretty good team and they have everyone healthy now. Secondly, we played as poor of a game on Homecoming since I have been here."

If the Panthers go on to defeat Andrean, they will go on to play the winner of the Munster-Horace Mann game on Oct. 31, which in all probability will be Munster.

Andrean seeking 6th consecutive victory

By Don Emmons
Of the Post-Tribune

MERRILLVILLE — Andrean will be looking for its sixth straight victory Friday night when Griffith makes a visit in the Class 4A sectional opener.

The 59ers enter post-season play with a 6-2 record.

Griffith is 4-4, with all of its losses coming against Lake Suburban Conference teams.

Andrean has been one of the hottest teams around during the second half of the season. In the last four games, its defense has allowed only 14 points.

"Fortunately, our defense has gotten better and better every week," said Coach Ivan Zimmer.

"Griffith is a well-coached football team. They have (Troy) Toweson and (Brad) Steapleton, who run the wishbone probably better than anybody in the area. They present a problem because they can also pass the ball."

While Zimmer's defense has excelled, the offense has shown it can put points on the scoreboard — 101 in the last four games.

"Our offensive line has done a good job of blocking for Darren Wesley," Zimmer said.

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Wesley, responsible for much of the 59ers' rushing yardage, has scored seven touchdowns. He is a junior.

Senior quarterback Rob Weeks has successfully guided the offense, accounting for five TDs (three passing, two running) in the team's last three outings.

"Offensively, we expect to be a little bit more balanced," Zimmer said. "We only threw the ball three times last week. I got real conservative last Friday (against Gary Wallace)."

"We have the capability to throw the football and we are going to throw. We have to keep the defense honest."

Griffith coach Les Thornton expects Andrean to run the football.

"We have to stop the run first, if we plan on winning," he said. "We haven't been a very good defensive team against the run or the pass."

The Panthers defeated Kankakee Valley last week, 25-0, for their only shutout of the season.

"One key will be whether or not we can move the football," Thornton said. "The teams that beat us, really out-manned us. But those are the bigger schools in our conference."



Junior John Mowery yells to his teammates on the field. Tonight the Panthers face the Andrean 59ers in Section play.

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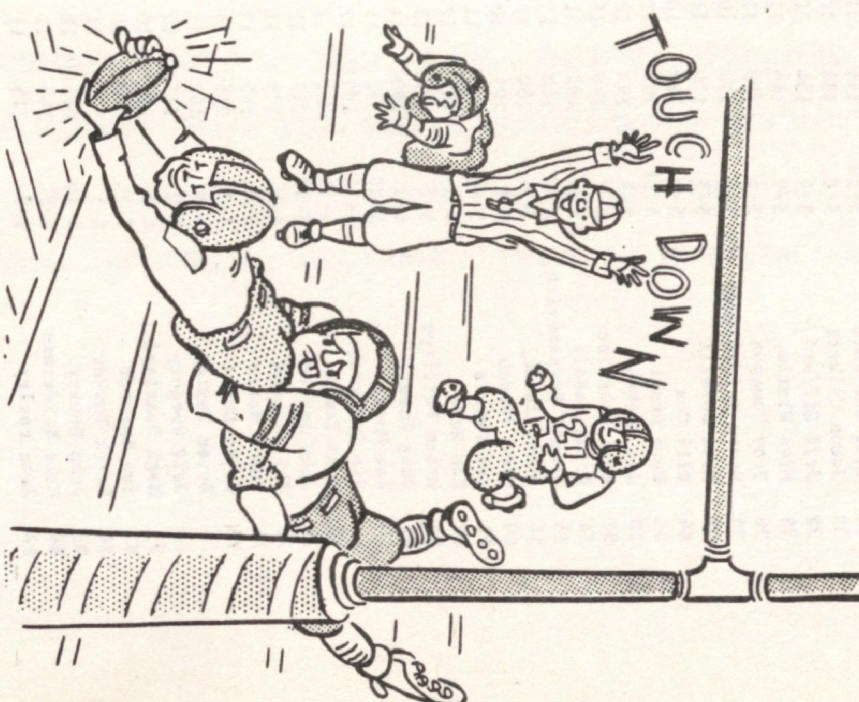
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Sectional 10-Round 1

GRIFFITH VS ANDREAN



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1987

7:30 p.m.

ANDREAN HIGH SCHOOL

FATHER VINCENT ECKERT STADIUM

GRIFFITH

NO	PLAYER	HT	WT	YR	POS
10	Tim Dutkiewicz	5-10	145	11	QB
11	Ryan Staniszevski	5-7	136	10	QB
12	Pat Murdock	5-8	160	12	QB
13	Brad Steapleton	5-10	165	11	QB
20	Mike Anderson	5-9	146	11	HB
22	Greg Steapleton	5-9	157	12	SE
24	Mike Raketic	5-5	138	10	HB
25	Greg Row	5-4	145	10	HB
26	Rick Benjamin	5-10	146	12	HB
30	Jason Gilbert	5-8	132	11	HB
32	Jeff Gifford	5-4	134	12	HB
34	Mike Wlaslo	5-9	145	12	HB
36	Troy Towson	5-9	170	11	HB
39	Steve Trivunovic	5-9	170	10	HB
40	Mike Dorelli	5-9	170	11	FB
44	Bill Cox	5-9	160	10	HB
46	Dave Atndt	5-11	187	12	FB
50	Joe Buchko	5-9	193	12	C
52	Earl Schreiber	6-0	195	11	C
54	Brian Waddle	5-9	185	11	C
55	Bronko Stepanovich	5-11	160	11	C
56	Brett Zabek	5-10	180	11	G
60	Gene Jordan	5-9	201	10	C
61	Joe Peters	5-11	165	11	G
62	Ken Herd	5-5	185	12	G
64	Brian Phillips	5-7	140	11	K
65	Doug Keen	6-1	180	11	G
66	Ken Moore	5-10	192	11	T
68	Tim Grcevich	5-11	190	12	G
70	John Yonan	5-11	201	11	T
71	John Jorden	5-10	217	11	T
72	Phil Katona	6-4	235	11	T-TE
74	Chuck Moore	6-2	153	11	E
75	Gujko Cucuz	5-11	226	11	T
78	Bryan Textor	6-0	162	11	E
80	Jeff Sweeney	6-2	177	12	E
81	Mark Osmulski	6-3	197	10	E
82	Joe Sainato	5-7	137	10	E
84	Derek Tucker	6-1	182	11	E
85	John Mowery	5-10	165	11	E
86	Mike Kelderman	5-7	144	11	E
88	Sean Farley	6-3	175	11	E

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 Chris Austin - Monica Rocha

ANDREAN

NO	PLAYER	HT	WT	YR	POS
2	Bob LaMere	6-0	180	12	QB
4	Joe Bishop	5-10	180	12	QB
5	Jamie Smith	5-8	151	11	WR
6	Sam Bennett	6-2	185	11	DB
7	Mike Barney	5-10	165	12	DB
12	Rob Weeks	6-2	187	12	QB
20	Lou Green	6-2	170	12	WR
23	Steve Schwartz	6-1	165	12	K
25	Robert Gidley	6-0	150	11	DB
26	Jim Halfman	6-3	160	12	TE
28	Dee Hudson	5-10	145	11	WR
30	Tom Noble	5-6	135	9	RB
33	Darren Wealey	6-5	190	11	RB
40	Shane Pearson	5-10	175	12	LB
41	Andre Guider	6-2	225	10	LB
43	Mike Carlisle	5-10	175	12	DB
45-73	Jason Koulianos	5-7	190	12	RB-OG
46	Mark Wagner	5-10	212	12	LB
49	Kelly Carreno	5-10	186	12	DB
52	Dan Jimenez	6-0	219	12	LB
55	Chris Benac	6-2	180	12	TE
56	Ken Dienes	5-10	244	11	OG
57	David Sullivan	6-2	175	12	DE
58	Keith Hornick	5-8	160	11	LB
60	Manny Vasquez	5-9	205	11	OG
61	Jason Crawford	6-2	205	12	DE
65	Greg Lach	5-8	185	12	OG
65	Darrell Stewart	5-9	188	10	C
66	Mike McQuillin	5-11	220	12	DT
67	Dan Dailey	5-8	231	11	C
68	David Bielefeld	5-10	165	12	LB
69	Scott Codespoti	5-10	207	12	C
70	Andy Thorn	5-11	176	11	OG
71	Jim Allegretti	6-1	228	12	OT
72	Walt Spasevski	6-1	275	12	DT
74	James Metro	5-10	183	12	DE
75	Mike Bellich	6-1	223	12	OT
76	John Fife	6-1	210	12	NT
77	Adam Matlon	6-0	213	11	DT
78	Mike Dorris	6-2	201	12	OT
82	Pat Townsend	5-10	155	11	DE
87	William Selmer	5-11	163	12	WR
88	Scott Schumann	6-2	210	12	OT
89	Jose Munoz	6-4	225	11	TE
95	Tom Zimmer	6-1	143	10	QB

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TO: ANDREAN & GRIFFITH COACHING STAFFS

FROM: CHRIS NICOLINI, GAME DIRECTOR

RE: INJURY TREATMENT & PRESS CONFERENCE

1. PRESENT AT TONIGHT'S GAME WILL BE DR. JOHN REED, ANDREAN TRAINER, MR. KIRK, AND AN EMT AND PARAMEDIC TEAM FROM LANE AMBULANCE. PLEASE ALLOW DR. REED (OR GRIFFITH'S TEAM PHYSICIAN, IF PRESENT) TO CONTROL ANY INJURY SITUATION. PLEASE DO NOT MOVE OR ATTEND TO AN INJURED ATHLETE WITHOUT THEIR DIRECTION.
2. A PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD IN THE PRESS BOX AFTER THE GAME. THE WINNING COACH WILL REPORT APPROXIMATELY TEN MINUTES AFTER THE GAME AND THE LOSING COACH 15. AT THIS WRITING THE POST TRIBUNE, THE HERALD, AND CABLE TV WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE.

1987 PRE-GAME PROCEEDING ANDREAN HIGH SCHOOL

- 7:10 Coin Toss in front of Visitors Bench
- 7:18 Band enters field, pre-game practice must end
- 7:20 Introductions, visitors followed by Andrean - Poms move to final formation after Coach Zimmer introduced
- 7:24 National Anthem and School song
- 7:29 Mock Toss
- 7:30 Kickoff!

N.B. All times based on the field clock. If it is not operative, Chris Nicolini will provide the official time.

Introductions: Eleven players from each school and the head coach will then be introduced. Starting offense or defense team introduction is optional. Names shall be given to the announcer immediately after the coin toss. Such persons shall line up on the sideline in front of their bench and face the center of the field. As their names are called each shall take three steps forward and remain until both teams have been introduced.

This order is in compliance with the IHSAA directives for pre-game procedures for the 1986 football tournament series. If the IHSAA changes the 1987 directives, Andrean will follow those.

Half time will be twenty minutes in length. The time will start when both teams leave the playing field.

Friday's sectionals

CLASS 5A, SECT. 1

Highland	44
East Chicago	12

Lake Central	28
Gary Wallace	12

Crown Point	17
Gary Roosevelt	0

Merrillville	55
Gary West	8

CLASS 5A, SECT. 2

Chesterton	17
S.B. Adams	6

LaPorte	17
Portage	15

Valparaiso	14
M.C. Rogers	12

CLASS 4A, SECT. 9

Andrean	28
Griffith	21

Munster	28
Gary Mann	0

Hammond	48
Hammond Noll	7

Hammond Morton ...	31
Lowell	12

CLASS 4A, SECT. 10

Hobart	42
M.C. Elston	6

Gary Wirt	28
Kankakee Valley	0

CLASS 3A, SECT. 17

Hammond Gavlt	7
Benton Central	0

NorthWood	31
Hammond Clark	0

Plymouth	36
Calumet	0

CLASS 2A, SECT. 25

North Judson	21
River Forest	20

Rensselaer	17
Knox	12

North Newton	48
LaVille	6

Glenn	14
Lake Station	0

Wesley leads 59ers to win over Griffith

By JOHN HUMENIK

Times Sports Writer

MERRILLVILLE — Help came in varied forms for Andrean Friday night but none more noticeable than the sure-footed running of Darren Wesley.

"Maybe tomorrow I'll be tired," mused the pint-size running back (5-foot-6), who rushed for 171 yards. His effort, which included three touchdowns, ousted Griffith 28-21, from the Class 4A Section 9 playoffs.

"I just go out and work," he said. "In the first half, I was thinking about winning and not of my sense of running. I told myself to, 'just go out and run.'"

"I guess I accomplished the things I wanted to do," he smiled.

Andrean trailed 14-6 at the half, but used all three of Wesley's scores to pull the game out. He scampered 21 and 35 yards to scores in the third quarter and added the game-winner from two yards with 12 seconds to play.

"We didn't yell at him at the half," said Andrean coach Ivan Zimmer of Wesley's slow first-half start. "I don't know what happen. He played possessed football in the second half."

Andrean also had to overcome losing two senior quarterbacks prior to the contest. Starter Rob Weeks injured a knee last Friday night and Bob LaMere strained his right hand during Tuesday's practice.

LaMere, while attempting to catch a pass in the cold weather, had his fingers bent back. He did play against Griffith on defense, and there was no thought of having him quarterback last night.

Instead, Zimmer put his trust in his son, Tom. The 6-1 sophomore, wearing jersey No. 95, bounced back from a shaky start to complete seven of 18 attempts for 97 yards.

"As a football coach, I'm very proud of him," the elder Zimmer said. "We've been preparing him at the junior-varsity level because he showed ability. My hat's off to him."

"He showed great poise and I'm proud of him as a father," he continued.

After Griffith went 72 yards in 15 plays to regain the lead, 21-20, Zimmer showed great leadership with 3:47 remaining in the game. He took over at his own 33-yard line and eight plays later had won.

He found Wesley open out of the backfield, and the two worked the reception for 42 yards to the Griffith 23-yard line. Two plays later, and less than a minute to play, Zimmer hit Jamie Smith for 18 yards.

Smith, who scored Andrean's first TD moments into the second quarter, reached the five-yard line with 44 seconds remaining. Wesley advanc-

ed the ball three more yards, and, without a huddle, finished the drive.

William Selmer added the extra point. Earlier, Andrean had missed on its first two PAT attempts.

"We were all hyped up," Wesley explained. "The intensity was so high that maybe we weren't being careful. I guess we just weren't ready to play in the first quarter."

GRIFFITH		ANDREAN
93	Net Yards Rushing	176
116	Net Yards Passing	97
209	Total Yards Gained	273
12	First Downs	12
9/19	Passes Attempted/Completed	6/18
0	Passes Had Intercepted	2
5/35	Penalties/Yards Penalized	11/105
1/1	Fumbles/Fumbles Lost	0/0
GRIFFITH	SCORING BY QUARTERS	
ANDREAN	0 14 0 7-21	
	0 6 4 16-28	

INDIVIDUAL SCORING
A — Jamie Smith, 5 pass from Tom Zimmer (run failed)
G — Pat Murdock 35 run (Brian Phillips kick)
G — Joe Sainato, 29 pass (Phillips kick)
A — Darren Wesley, 21 run (run failed)
A — Wesley, 35 run (Zimmer to Smith pass good)
G — Brad Steapleton, 1 run (Phillips kick)
A — Wesley, 2 run (Zimmer to William Selmer pass good)

Saturday, October 24, 1987

Wesley leads Andrean rally

By Neal Boyer
Of the Post-Tribune

MERRILLVILLE — When Andrean football coach Ivan Zimmer said his prayers Friday night, his first words were "thank heaven for Darren Wesley."

The junior running back took charge after intermission, scoring all three Andrean second-half touchdowns, to spark the 59ers (7-2) to a 28-21 Class 4A, Sectional 9 win over Griffith.

Wesley bunched all three of his TDs into the final 12:06.

The Panthers (4-5) led 14-6 at the half after holding Wesley to 58 yards in 16 carries. But he got revenge the second half, gaining 117 yards in 16 attempts, and also carried a screen pass 40 yards to set up his final touchdown.

He dived in over left guard from the 2 with just 12 seconds showing to cap a 68-yard drive in eight plays. It came after Griffith rallied from a 20-14 deficit to take a 21-20 edge with 3:47 left.

The Panthers moved 73 yards in 14 plays, including a 20-yard burst by Troy Toweson, a 17-yard pass from junior Brad Steapleton to Joe Sainato and a 12-yard screen pass to Toweson on fourth-and-10 at the 59er 17.

Steapleton sneaked in from the 1 and Brian Phillips' conversion kick put Griffith up by a point.

Wesley's screen pass and run came on fourth-and-5 at the Panther 37. "The screen was executed perfectly, and Wesley made a great run," said Coach Zimmer.

Quarterback Tom Zimmer, making his first varsity start, then hit Jamie Smith for 19 yards to the 5 as the junior wide receiver outleaped a defender.

Zimmer, a sophomore and the coach's son, played because senior Rob Weeks injured his leg last week. Despite two second-half interceptions, Zimmer completed 7 of 17 passes for 107 yards.

"Tommy had to fill some big shoes tonight. He stepped into a pressure cooker and showed a lot of courage and poise," said his father. "He has showed ability at the junior varsity level. He can throw the ball."

Andrean, which has won six straight, plays Munster (7-2), another Lake Suburban Conference team, next Friday night in a sectional semifinal. Zimmer said Weeks should be ready by then.

The first football meeting between Griffith and Andrean was a memorable one.

"It was an excellent game for the fans," said Zimmer. "It's very sad that one team has to lose."

Both coaches had nothing but praise for Wesley, a compact 5-foot-5, 186-pounder.

"He's fast, runs with power and has great moves," said Zimmer. "Most of all, he likes to win."

"He also got some good blocks from (tackle) Jim Allegretti, (tight end) Jose Munoz and (fullback-guard) Jason Koulianos. This was a team effort. We could have folded at the half, but didn't."

Griffith coach Les Thornton said: "I was really impressed with their tailback. He's not very big, but he came through when the chips were down at the end."

"We're a junior-dominated team. I thought we were pretty well prepared. But they're big and hey, they did it, they came back. Our kids played well, and I'm very optimistic about next year," added Thornton.

He said a mishandled punt, Griffith's only turnover, that set up Wesley's first TD on a 21-yard run, was "the key play. 'Close games are won and lost by the kicking game,'" said Thornton.

On Griffith's next possession, Thornton gambled on a fourth-down pass (incomplete) instead of punting from his 42 and Wesley raced 35 yards on a draw play, cutting back and breaking a tackle, to score for a 20-14 Andrean lead.

Earlier, the Panthers ran for a first down from punt formation, and also used a quick kick to pin Andrean at its own 6.

Griffith's second-quarter touchdowns came on Pat Murdock's 35-yard run and Sainato's reception of a Steapleton pass for 29 yards. Sainato, a sophomore, had five catches for 71 yards.

Toweson, a junior, ran 12 times

for 64 yards.

Wesley was disappointed in his first-half effort. "I could've done better then. I didn't run hard a couple of times."

A workhorse all season, he carried seven straight times on the 59ers' first possession.

Asked if he was tired after 32 carries, three receptions and several kickoff and punt returns, Wesley said, "nah, maybe tomorrow morning I'll be tired."

Andrean's Smith opened the scoring. All alone in a corner of the end zone, he caught Zimmer's first pass for a four-yard TD.

Senior DB Kelly Carreno led the 59ers' defense with nine tackles and a fumble recovery. Seniors Dan Jimenez and Mike Carlisle each figured in eight tackles.

"I felt we'd score in the 20's," said Zimmer, "but I didn't think they would. My hats off to Les and his staff. They had their team ready and well prepared."

Andrean overcame an uncharacteristic 14 penalties for 110 yards. "Our kids were pumped up for playoffs," said Zimmer.

Griffith	0	14	0	7-21
Andrean	0	6	6	16-28

SCORING

A — Smith 4 pass from Zimmer (kick wide)
G — Murdock 35 run (Phillips kick)
G — Sainato 29 pass from B. Steapleton (Phillips kick)
A — Wesley 21 run (run failed)
A — Wesley 35 run (Smith run)
G — B. Steapleton 1 run (Phillips kick)
A — Wesley 2 run (Selmer pass from Zimmer)

STATISTICS

	G	A
First downs.....	12	14
Yards rushing.....	155	186
Yards passing.....	112	107
Passes.....	9-22	7-17
Intercepted by.....	2	0
Punts — Avg. yards....	3-38.6	3-33
Fumbles — lost.....	1-1	2-0
Penalties — yards.....	5-35	14-110

Niners rally to nip Panthers 28-21

By Dan Helpingstine

Junior tailback Darren Wesley did it again.

The talented ballhandler rallied the Andrean 59'ers to their sixth straight win as they came from behind to defeat Griffith 28-21 in the first round of the Class 4A football sectionals last Friday.

Wesley helped himself to 171 rushing yards on 31 carries. Throw in three receptions for 55 more stripes, and you have the Andrean offense. Shut him down and Griffith would be playing this coming Friday.

With senior quarterback Rob Weeks out with swelling in his right leg, most of the Niner burden rested on Wesley's legs. He scored three touchdowns for the second time this season and also returned kickoffs and punts. His third touchdown came with :12 left in the game to give the 59ers their margin of victory.

After the game, Wesley was asked if he felt tired and he shrugged, "Maybe tomorrow."

Late in the third quarter, the 59ers were down 14-6. Their offense was sluggish and it appeared that Griffith had wrapped up a win. ON a fourth down play, Bob Lamere punted. Pat Murdock fumbled at the Griffith 40 and after a mad scramble, the 59ers came up with the ball at the Panther 21.

Wesley wasted no time from there. After taking a hand-off, he raced up the middle and made a nice cut back for a 21 yard touchdown run. The two point conversion failed when Wesley was stopped by Andrean had pulled within two with :06 left in the third quarter.

"I've always told my kids," Griffith Coach Les Thornton said, "that close games are won and lost with the kicking game."

With their first series of downs in the last quarter, Thornton took a gamble that would backfire. On a fourth and two, he opted for a fake punt. Earlier such a play worked when the ball was snapped to the upback. This time a pass from Dave Arndt fell short of Mike Anderson giving Andrean the ball on the Griffith 42.

Wesley followed with runs of five and six yards. Tom Zimmer, playing in his first varsity game, lofted a first down pass to Jamie Smith at the Griffith five. An illegal procedure penalty followed.

Wesley then took things into his own hands, again. He took off on a second and 15 draw. He ran over, around and by people on his way to the end zone. The play covered 35 yards and put Andrean ahead 18-14, their first lead since the middle of the second quarter. A run up the middle by Smith on the two point conversion upped the score to 20-14 with 10:41 left in the game.

Griffith appeared worn in the second half as they watched Wesley's antics. "We had a lot of guys going both ways and that hurts," Thornton said. "Of course that is a way of life at Griffith."

Tired or not, the Panthers came right back with an impressive drive and retook the lead. Griffith held the ball for six minutes on a 15 play, 73 yard march. On that drive, the Pan-

thers made three third down conversions as well as a fourth down conversion.

The biggest play was a perfectly executed screen pass from Brad Steapleton to Troy Toweson. Griffith had a fourth and ten at the Andrean 17 and Toweson advanced it to the five. A sneak by Steapleton capped the drive and after the PAT, the Panthers led 21-20 with 3:47 left.

With a 23 yard kickoff return by Wesley, Andrean started their last drive on their own 32. Two runs by Wesley netted five yards. Later, with a big fourth down play of their own, the 59ers took a page out of the Griffith play book by calling a screen.

The pass, naturally, went to Wesley. Using his quickness and some great moves, he turned a short pass into a 50 yard gain down to the Griffith 22 with 2:04 left in the contest.

One play later, Jamie Smith came up with some heroics of his own. He made a nice catch at the four as he out-fought a Griffith defender for the ball. One play later, Wesley went over the top from two yards out to put the 59ers ahead 26-21 at the :12 mark. A pass from Zimmer to William Selmar gave Andrean the 28-21 final advantage.

"There is no one who can cover Smith one on one," 59er Coach Ivan Zimmer said.

Things didn't look good for the 59ers in the first half even though they struck first with a five yard touchdown pass from Zimmer to Smith in the early moments of the second quarter. The extra point attempt by Steve Schwartz was wide and Andrean led 6-0.

Griffith bounced back on their very next drive with a little help from the 59ers. Dave Arndt was punting after the Panthers had moved the ball to midfield. In going for the block, Andrean ran into Arndt and was called for a 15 yard roughing the kicker penalty. Griffith had the ball on the Andrean 35.

The Panthers went right to work. Pat Murdock burst through a big hole up the middle and raced 35 yards for the touchdown as hardly an Andrean player touched him. Brian Phillips converted the extra point and Griffith led 7-6.

On their next drive, Griffith again started out with great field position as they had first down at midfield. A 21 yard run by Arndt put the ball to the 29. A 29 yard strike from Steapleton to Joe Sainato widened Griffith's lead to 13-6 with 3:21 left in the half. The PAT made it 14-6 and that's how the half ended.

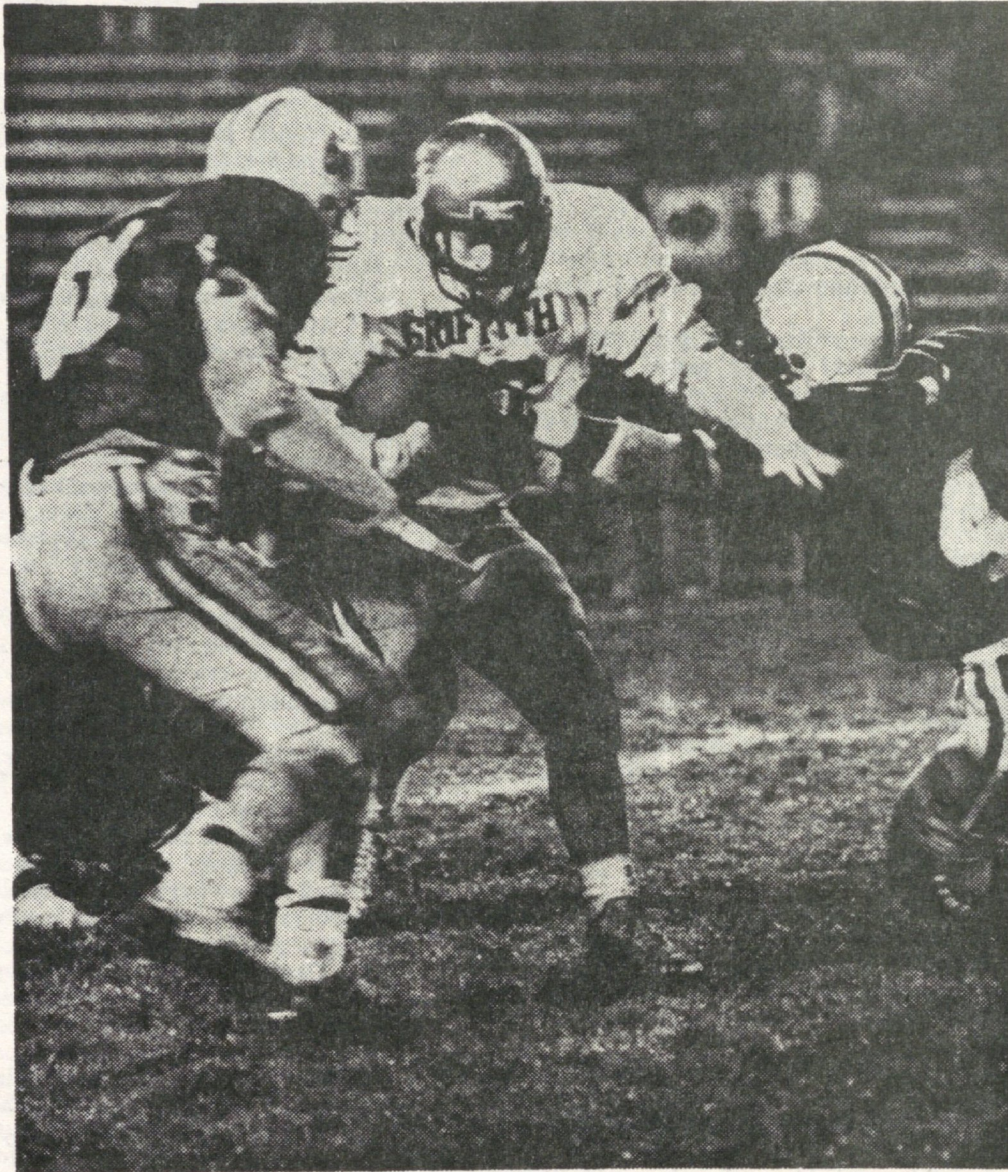
Despite the deficit, Coach Zimmer said he wasn't concerned.

"I felt we were going to win," Zimmer said. "Before the game started, we expected to score in the 20's although we didn't think we would give up 21."

It was the first time that a team scored 20 or more points in a game against Andrean this year. Despite this, the 59ers improved their record to 7-2.

Rob Weeks is expected to return to action next week. Meanwhile Zimmer was pleased with his son Tom's performance at quarterback.

"As a coach I was very proud of 95," Zimmer said. "He stepped in to fill some big shoes. We've been preparing Tom at the JV level and he has shown some real ability. He showed a lot of courage and poise and I was very proud of him as a father."



Times photo by John Bojda

59ers' Joe Bishop (4) reaches for ball in arms of Troy Toweson



Times photo by John Bojda

Griffith QB Brad Steapleton prepares to hand off



Griffith QB Brad Steapleton. Photo by Rory Holscher

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<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>RESULT</u>
Horace Mann	17-16	WON
*Lowell	40-22	WON
*Munster	12-27	LOST
*Crown Point	9-49	LOST
*Calumet	39-20	WON
*Lake Central	30-32	LOST
*Highland	0-29	LOST
*Kankakee Valley	25-0	WON
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	172-195	4-4
Gary Andrean	21-28	LOST(Sectional)

CONFERENCE STANDINGS

Crown Point	8-0
Lake Central	5-3
Munster	6-2
Highland	4-4
GRIFFITH	4-4
Lowell	2-6
Calumet	2-6



PANTHER STATS



1. Game# 9 Record: Win 4 Loss 5

2. Scoring 1 2 3 4 OT Total Avg.

Opponent	47	58	33	85		223	24.8
Griffith	35	68	35	55		193	21.4

3. Off. Plays Rush Pass Total Avg.

Opponent	316	150	466	51.8
Griffith	309	148	457	50.8

4. 1st Downs Rush Pass Pen. Total Avg.

Opponent	57	35	8	100	11.1
Griffith	62	21	14	97	10.8

5. Total Off. Rush Pass Total Avg.

Opponent	1542	1038	2580	286.7
Griffith	1261	726	1987	220.8

6. Fumbles No. Recovered Lost

Opponent	14	7	7
Griffith	31	14	17

7. Passing Attemp. Com. Pct Yds TD Int

Murdock, P.	22	9	41	75	1	5
Steapleton, B.	107	46	43	575	6	7
Dutkiewicz, T.	5	2	40	21	-	1
Staniszeski, R.	11	3	27.2	55	-	-
Toweson, T.	2	0	0	0	-	1
Arndt, D.	1	0	0	0	-	0
Griffith	148	60	40.5	726	7	14
Opponent	150	58	38.7	1038	8	17

8. Receiver No. Yds Avg. TD Longest

Sainato, J.	19	299	15.7	5	72
Osmulski, M.	1	3	3	-	3
Toweson, T.	11	117	10.6	-	28
Gifford, J.	8	81	10.1	-	21
Farley, S.	5	52	10.4	-	14
Arndt, D.	3	33	11	2	17
Tucker, D.	2	31	15.5	-	16
Steapleton, B.	1	27	27	-	27
Murdock, P.	9	79	8.8	-	17
Raketich, M.	1	4	4	-	4
Griffith	60	726	12.1	7	72
Opponent	58	1038	17.9	8	70

9. Rusher No. Yds Avg. TD Longest

Gifford, J.	21	54	2.6	-	17
Toweson, T.	106	670	6.3	9	62
Arndt, D.	67	316	4.7	2	21
Anderson, M.	3	-1	-0.3	-	4
Staniszeski, R.	5	-9	-1.8	-	2
Murdock, P.	49	181	3.7	6	36
Steapleton, B.	43	57	1.3	1	32
Dutkiewicz, T.	3	-16	-5.3	-	
Raketich, M.	8	16	2	-	11
Dorelli, M.	3	8	2.7	-	4
Cucuz, G.	1	-16	-16	-	
Griffith	309	1261	4.1	18	62
Opponent	316	1542	4.9	23	89

Punts No. Yds. Avg. Block Longest

Arndt, D.	20	694	34.7	1	46
Cucuz, G.	10	295	29.5	—	48
Griffith	30	989	33	1	48
Opponent	26	831	32	—	53

Kickoff No. Yds. Avg. Longest

Phillips, B.	38	1777	46.8	60
Griffith	38	1777	46.8	60
Opponent	44	1762	40	60

Punt Ret. No. Yds. Avg. TD Longest

Sainato, J.	1	12	12	—	12
Anderson, M.	2	22	11	—	16
Toweson, T.	4	22	5.5	—	12
Raketich, M.	1	5	5	—	5
Griffith	8	61	7.6	—	16
Opponent	14	126	9	—	21

K.O. Ret. No. Yds. Avg. TD Longest

Toweson, T.	8	149	18.6	—	39
Gifford, J.	8	128	16	—	56
Arndt, D.	5	55	11	—	18
Raketich, M.	5	84	16.8	—	24
Tucker, D.	2	30	15	—	24
Murdock, P.	5	172	34.4	—	88
Anderson, M.	1	15	15	—	15
Staniszeski, R.	1	15	15	—	15
Gilbert, J.	1	13	13	—	13
Trivunovic, S.	1	5	5	—	5
Griffith	36	666	18.5	—	88
Opponent	31	598	19.3	—	78

Scoring Rush Pass Pat 1 Pat 2 Safety KO Ret Fum Rec. FG Pun R Int. Total

Arndt, D.	2	2																	24
Toweson, T.	9			1															56
Phillips, B.			12								5								27
Katona, P.				1															2
Tucker, D.				1	1														4
Murdock, P.	6																		36
Sainato, J.		5		1															32
Steapleton, B.	1			1															8
Farley, S.				1															2
Team					1														2
Griffith	18	7	12	6	2		—	—	5	—	—								193
Opponent	23	8	13	9	—	—	—	1	—	—	—								223

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TEAM RECORDS

<u>SEASON:</u>	<u>GRIFFITH RECORD</u>	<u>AVG.</u>	<u>YR.</u>		<u>OPPONENT RECORD</u>	<u>AVG.</u>	<u>YR.</u>
MOST POINTS	280	28.0	81	261	26.1	74
MOST TOUCHDOWNS.....	40	4.0	81	.....	37	3.7	74
MOST FIRST DOWNS.....	151	15.1	82	.....	137	13.7	74
MOST TOTAL OFFENSE....	2,905	290.5	82	.....	2,976	297.6	74
MOST YARDS RUSHING....	2,406	240.6	82	.....	2,156	215.6	74
MOST YARDS PASSING....	972	97.2	68	.....	953	95.3	74
MOST PUNTS.....	43	4.3	74	.....	55	5.5	80
MOST PUNTS BLOCKED....	4	.4	73	.....	2	.2	72
MOST KICK-OFFS.....	49	4.9	81	.....	44	4.4	74
MOST OFFENSIVE PASS RECEPTIONS.....	82	8.2	73	.....	59	5.9	76
BEST TEAM RUSHING AVG.....		5.1	81	.....		4.7	74
BEST TEAM PASSING PERCENTAGE.		.56	68	.....		.432	78
MOST PENALTIES.....	61	6.1	77	.....	68	6.8	74
MOST YDS. PENALIZED...	773	77.3	79	.....	709	70.9	77
FEWEST POINTS ALLOWED.	45	4.5	81	.....		
MOST INTERCEPTIONS....	24	2.4	81	.....		

<u>GAME:</u>	<u>GRIFFITH RECORD</u>				<u>OPPONENT RECORD</u>		
MOST POINTS.....	66	....	82	MILWAUKEE N.	E. GARY..	56	.... 72
MOST TOUCHDOWNS.....	9	....	82	MILWAUKEE N.	E. GARY..	8	.... 72
		....	85	CALUMET			
MOST FIRST DOWNS.....	24	....	76	CALUMET	MUNSTER..	21	.... 74
MOST TOTAL OFFENSE....	486	....	85	CALUMET	MUNSTER..	496	.... 74
MOST NET YDS. RUSHING.	473	....	85	CALUMET	MUNSTER..	385	.... 74
MOST YDS. PASSING.....	178	....	73	LOWELL	E. GARY..	330	.... 72
MOST PUNTS.....	8	....	72	E. GARY	E.C. ROOS.	9	.... 81
MOST PASS RECEPTIONS..	15	....	72	HIGHLAND	.....	
MOST PENALTIES.....	13	....	76	R. FOREST	CALUMET	12	.... 72
MOST YDS. PENALIZED...	120	79	K.V.	CALUMET	120 72
MOST INTERCEPTIONS....	5	81	LOWELL		

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INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

Career = C

Season = S

Game = G

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SCORING:

MOST POINTS.....	C	183 ...	C. Buzea	76-78
	S	100 ...	T. Bruno	82
	G	30 ...	P. Murdock	86	Gary Mann
MOST T.D.'S.....	C	26 ...	C. Buzea	76-78	.....
	S	15 ...	T. Bruno	82	.....
	G	5 ...	P. Murdock	86	Gary Mann

RUSHING:

RUSHING YARDS.....	C	1,837 ...	C. Buzea	76-78	.....
	S	960 ...	C. Buzea	76-78	.....
	G	261 ...	C. Buzea	77	Lowell
MOST CARRIES.....	C	310 ...	C. Buzea	76-78	.....
	S	180 ...	J. Ciesco	74	.....
	G	27 ...	J. Ciesco	74	Calumet
HIGHEST AVG.					
PER RUSH.....	C .(40/520) = 13.0	. R. Messina	67-68	.....
	S (114/594) = 8.36	. C. Buzea	77	.....
	G .(11/200) = 18.1	. P. Murdock	86	Gary Mann	
LONGEST RUSH FROM					
SCRIMMAGE.....	G	81 ...	C. Buzea	77	Calumet
LONGEST RUSH FOR					
TOUCHDOWN.....	G	81 ...	C. Buzea	77	Calumet
MOST T.D. RUSHES.....	C	26 ...	C. Buzea	76-78	.....
	S	14 ...	T. Bruno	82	.....
	G	5 ...	P. Murdock	86	Gary Mann
MOST GAMES OF 100					
YDS. + RUSHING.....	C	5 ...	C. Buzea	76-78	.....
	S	3 ...	J. Ciesco	74
	S	3 ...	C. Buzea	77
		3 ...	T. Toweson	87	

		<u>RECORD</u>	<u>INDIVIDUAL</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>
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PASSING:

MOST ATTEMPTS.....	C	352	...	H. GATLIN ...	72-74
	S	148	...	M. KUSS	68
	G	28	...	K. BUZEA	72	...	HIGHLAND....
MOST COMPLETIONS.....	C	134	...	H. GATLIN ...	72-74	...	.....
	S	82	...	M. KUSS	68	...	.....
	G	15	...	K. BUZEA	72	...	HIGHLAND....
HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF COMPLETIONS (5 OF MORE ATTEMPTS)....	C . (30/74) = .405..			G. KONOPASEK.	73	...	.....
	S .(82/148) = .554..			M. KUSS.....	68	...	.....
	G ... (4/5) = .800..			P. CLARK.....	81	...	.....
MOST PASSING YARDS...	C	1,404	...	H. GATLIN....	72-74	...	.....
	S	911	...	M. KUSS	68	...	.....
	G	224	...	B. STEAPLETON	87	...	K. VALLEY...
MOST T. D. PASSES ...	C	14	...	P. CLARK	80-81	...	.....
	S	8	...	P. CLARK	81	...	.....
	G	3	...	G. KONOPASEK.	73	...	LOWELL.....
		3	...	B. STEAPLETON	87	...	K. VALLEY...
MOST PASSES HAD INTERCEPTED.....	C	40	...	H. GATLIN....	72-74	...	.....
	S	18	...	H. GATLIN....	72-74	...	.....
	G	6	...	H. GATLIN....	74	...	MUNSTER.....
BEST AVERAGE PER COMPLETED PASS	C	NO STATISTICS AVAILABLE.....					
	S	19.1	...	S. PRICE.....	82	...	.....
	G .(3/119)	39.6	...	C. LEE.....	78	...	MUNCIE NORTH

RECEIVING:

MOST RECEPTIONS.....	C	38	...	G. MACK.....	68	...	.....
		38	...	R. LEHMANN...	72	...	.....
		38	...	G. MACK.....	68	...	.....
	S	38	...	R. LEHMANN...	72	...	.....
		6	...	R. LEHMANN...	72	...	CROWN POINT.
		6	...	R. LEHMANN...	72	...	HIGHLAND....
MOST YARDS RECEIVING.	C	391	...	G. MACK.....	68	...	.....
	S	391	...	G. MACK.....	68	...	.....
	G (3 rec's)	119	...	R. BLYTHE....	78	...	MUNCIE NORTH
LONGEST RECEPTION....	G	72	...	J. SAINATO...	87	...	K. VALLEY...
LONGEST TOUCHDOWN RECEPTION.....	G	72	...	J. SAINATO...	87	...	K. VALLEY...

		<u>RECORD</u>	<u>INDIVIDUAL</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>
<u>KICKING:</u>					
MOST PUNTS.....	C	67	... P. BURBRIDGE..	80-81	...
	S	43	... K. BUZEA.....	72	...
	G	8	... K. BUZEA.....	72	...
LONGEST PUNT.....	G	67	... J. LYNK.....	85	... CROWN POINT.
BEST PUNTING AVG.....	C	39.1	... J. LYNK.....	84-85	...
	S	39.1	... J. LYNK.....	85	...
MOST KICK-OFFS	C	79	... S. BRIDGES....	79-80	...
	S	43	... S. BRIDGES....	80	...
	G	10	... G. NISLE.....	82	... MILWAUKEE N.
BEST KICK-OFF AVG.....	C	49.4	... C. BUZEA.....	76-68	...
	S	51.1	... S. BRIDGES....	80	...
MOST FIELD GOALS.....	C	7	... S. BRIDGES....	79-80	...
	S	5	... M. SAMUELSON..	86	...
		5	... B. PHILLIPS...	87	...
LONGEST FIELD GOAL.....		43	... B. PHILLIPS...	87	... MUNSTER.....
MOST P.A.T. (1 pt.)..	C	22	... S. BRIDGES ...	79-80	...
	S	18	... S. BRIDGES ...	80	...
	G	6	... M. ARNDT	82	... MILWAUKEE N.
MOST P.A.T. (2 pt.)..	C	12	... P. KLOVANISH..	75-76	...
	S	12	... P. KLOVANISH..	76	...
	G	3	... P. KLOVANISH..	76	... CALUMET
		3	... P. KLOVANISH..	76	... RIVER FOREST
MOST CONSECUTIVE P.A.T. (1 pt.)		9	... P. BJELICH ...	73	...
BEST P.A.T. PERCENTAGE (1 pt.)...	C ..(14/17)	823	... P. BJELICH ...	73	...
	S ..(14/17)	823	... P. BJELICH ...	73	...

KICK-OFF RETURNS:

MOST KICK-OFF RETURNS.....					
	C	27	... J. CIESCO	72-74	...
	S	17	... L. BLYTHE	73	...
BEST KICK-OFF AVG....	C (18/424)	23.55	... C. BUZEA	76-78	...
	S (5/176)	35.2	... T. BRUNO	81	...
LONGEST KICK-OFF RETURN.....		95	... T. BRUNO	81 CROWN POINT
LONGEST KICK-OFF RETURN FOR T.D....		95	... T. BRUNO	81 CROWN POINT

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S 27 ... C. BUZEA 77 ...

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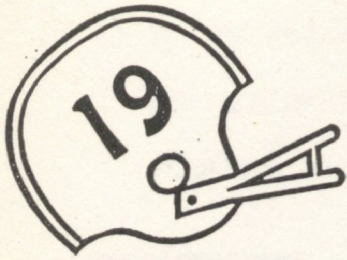
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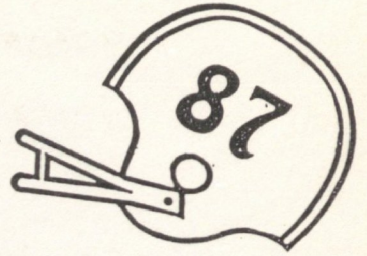
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Coaching Records

COACH	YEAR	WON	LOST	TIED	POINTS SCORED/ALLOWED
Richard Beck	1934	2	4	0	N/A
	1935	3	3	1	N/A
	1936	3	3	1	N/A
	1937	4	3	1	N/A
	1938	0	7	1	N/A
	1939	1	6	1	N/A
Charles Armon	1940	0	8	0	N/A
Carl Yates	1941	5	4	1	N/A
	1942	6	2	0	N/A
	1943	4	4	0	89 - 88
Vince Oliver	1946	4	4	1	110 - 87
David "Cy" Bowman	1947	5	2	2	162 - 70
	1948	5	5	0	N/A
Richard Beck	1949	5	5	0	N/A
	1950	8	1	1	249 - 69
	1951	6	3	0	177 - 110
	1952	5	4	0	169 - 109
	1953	5	4	0	105 - 69
	1954	7	3	0	205 - 123
	1955	2	7	1	49 - 151
	1956	3	7	0	81 - 208
	1957	8	2	0	253 - 139
	1958	8	2	0	214 - 136
Carl Adams	1959	7	3	0	134 - 119
	1960	9	1	0	196 - 76
	1961	5	4	1	173 - 109
	1962	5	4	1	164 - 134
	1963	8	0	2	263 - 79
	1964	5	5	0	200 - 129
Tom Kurth	1965	4	4	1	119 - 95
	1966	5	3	1	225 - 136
	1967	4	4	1	174 - 100
	1968	4	5	0	133 - 175
	1969	2	8	0	73 - 227
Richard Schrier	1970	4	5	1	148 - 233
	1971	2	8	0	93 - 223
	1972	3	7	0	74 - 220
	1973	3	7	0	187 - 192
	1974	2	8	0	133 - 261
	1975	1	9	0	76 - 254
Jim Bartlett	1976	6	4	0	244 - 144
	1977	8	2	0	197 - 56
	1978	7	3	0	160 - 136
	1979	6	4	0	173 - 118
	1980	8	2	0	212 - 93
	1981	10	0	0	280 - 45
	1982	8	2	0	276 - 63
	1983	5	5	0	146 - 152
	1984	7	3	0	183 - 123
	1985	6	2	0	190 - 50
	1986	4	4	0	132 - 137
	1987	4	4	0	172 - 195
Les Thornton	1988	4	4	0	172 - 195
	1989	4	4	0	172 - 195
	1990	4	4	0	172 - 195
	1991	4	4	0	172 - 195
	1992	4	4	0	172 - 195
	1993	4	4	0	172 - 195
	1994	4	4	0	172 - 195
	1995	4	4	0	172 - 195
	1996	4	4	0	172 - 195
	1997	4	4	0	172 - 195



VARSITY FOOTBALL Awards



MOST VALUABLE PLAYER.....	DAVE ARNDT
Best Defensive Back.....	Joe Sainato
Best Defensive Lineman.....	Phil Katona
Best Defensive Linebacker.....	Brett Zabek
Best Defensive End.....	Rick Benjamin
Best Offensive Back.....	Troy Toweson
Best Offensive Lineman.....	Ken Herd
	Tim Grcevich
Best Receiver.....	Joe Sainato
Most Improved Offensive Lineman.....	Sean Farley
Most Improved Offensive Back.....	Brad Steapleton
Most Improved Defensive Lineman.....	Phil Katona
Most Improved Defensive Back.....	Greg Steapleton
Offensive Star.....	Troy Toweson
Defensive Star.....	Brett Zabek
Senior Leadership Award.....	Ken Herd
	Pat Murdock
Kicking Star.....	Brian Phillips

The star awards are a result of performances in individual games. A player is awarded an offensive, defensive, or a specialty star after each game according to game goals. The player with the most star awards accumulated during the year is the winner of the star award.

THE MOST VALUABLE PLAYER AWARD IS THE RESULT OF THE VOTE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE TEAM.

TO THE FOOTBALL PLAYERS, MANAGERS, TRAINERS, CHEERLEADERS, PARENTS,
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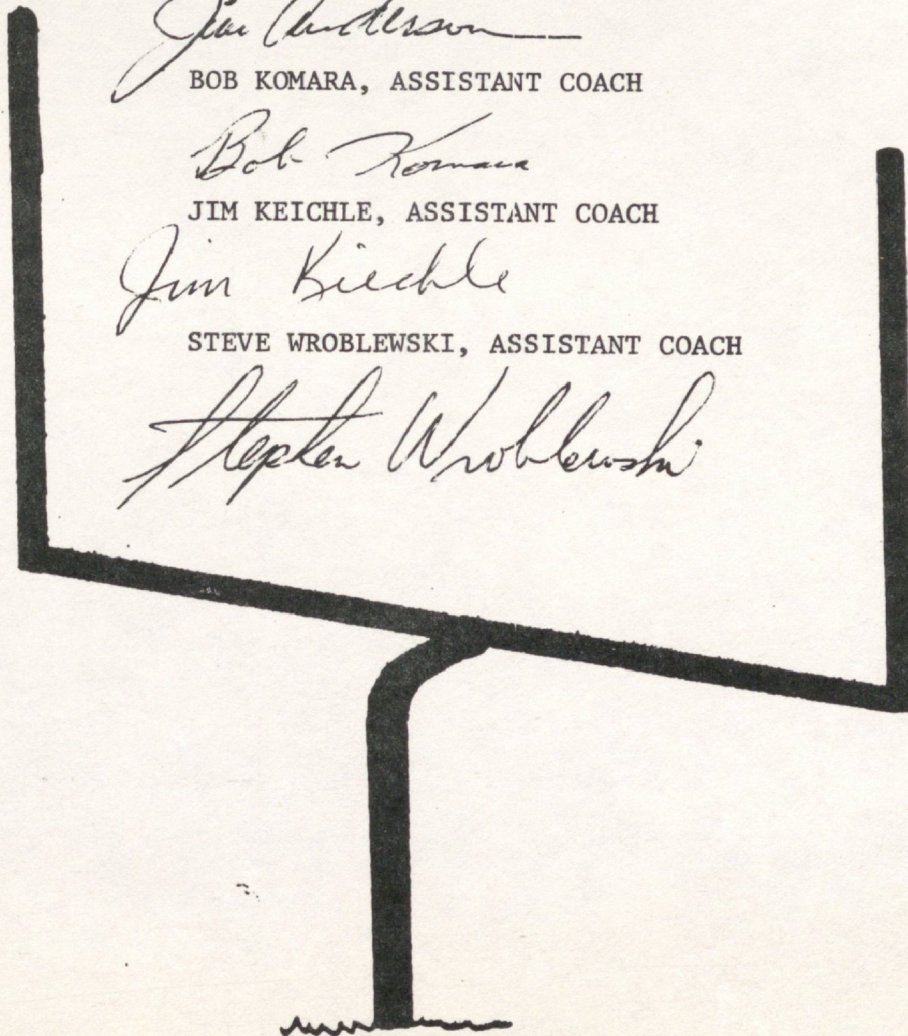
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